

GO(AL) ALL IN!

WITH THE SUMMER OF SPORT

Get stuck in to reading about your favourite sport this Summer. Here's a WRD selection of the top titles to dive into...

Football Focus

Epic Football Comics

by Clive Gifford and Seth Burkett, Rocket Fox, £7.99

Comics meets football? We're 100% in! And, with titles about Bellingham, Mbappé, McTominay, Salah and Saka to choose from, you'll be spoilt for choice!



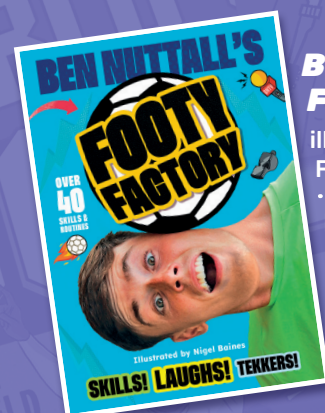
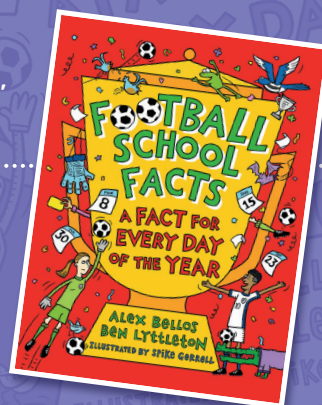
The Funniest Football Joke Book Ever!

By Joe King, Andersen Press, £5.99
Laugh yourself silly with these football funnies!

Football School Facts

by Alex Bellos and Ben Lyttleton, illustrated by Spike Gerrell, Walker Books, £14.99

A football fact for every day of the year, what more could any football fanatic need? Oh wait, fun, colour, comic style illustrations too? A total winner!



Ben Nuttall's Footy Factory

illustrated by Nigel Baines, Fox & Ink Books, £7.99

Inspired by World Cup wonders to top up your freestyle football skills? Then this guide is your best one-stop shop with 40 tricks and skills to master!

Little People, Big Dreams: Harry Kane and Cristiano Ronaldo

Frances Lincoln, £10.99 each

Two fab footballers added to this bestselling autobiographical series that explores the young lives of famous folk.



Greatest Stars of the World Cup

by Kevin Pettman, Welbeck Children's Books, £14.99

Fifty of the greatest football stars explored with all their stats and top scoring facts. Does your favourite make the Top 50?

Ultimate Football Heroes: World Cup Greatest Moments

Matt and Tom Oldfield, Dino Books, £6.99

Explore the World Cup's greatest stories in this collection from bestselling authors. There's also a handy tournament tracker to keep score with this year's competition.



Goal Squad

by Scott Allen, illustrated by Lidia Fernandez, Scholastic, £7.99

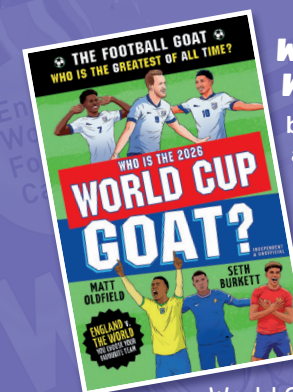
Eight-year-old Leo dreams of footballing glory. But can his team, the Tigers, avoid relegation and keep their cup dreams alive? Accessible and easy to read, this series is a winner for younger readers.



Kick and Strike

by Mitch Johnson, Usborne, £8.99 each

Two excellent adventures with footballing at their heart, combined with great characters and friendships.



Who is the 2026 World Cup GOAT?

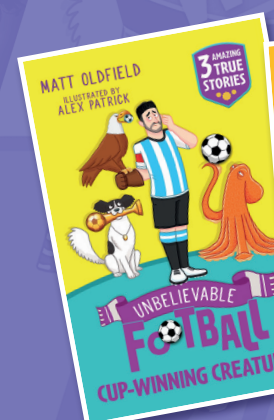
by Matt Oldfield and Seth Burkett, Walker Books, £7.99

Explore current 2026 England players head-to-head with their international rivals and get ready to vote for the World Cup GOAT! The new epic clash in The Football GOAT series!

The Wonder Team and the Football Phantom

by Leah Williamson and Jordan Glover, illustrated by Robin Boyden, Macmillan, £7.99

A cool time-travelling football adventure series from the legendary Lioness Leah Williamson.



Unbelievable Football: Cup-Winning Creatures and Inspiring Heroes

by Matt Oldfield, illustrated by Alex Patrick, Wren & Rook, £7.99 each

With three short, accessible and interesting true stories, and vibrant colour artwork, these story collections are perfect starters for reads 6+.

Other Sporting Reads

Raise the Bar

by Fernanda Frick H., Guppy Books, £14.99

A powerful debut graphic novel about one girl's weightlifting dreams and how far she'll go for them.



Shoot for the Stars

by Danielle Brown MBE, illustrated by Jayde Perkin and Filigrana de Ideas, Little Tiger, £12.99

A collection of inspiring stories, with tips about how to overcome obstacles, from double Paralympic gold medallist, Danielle Brown.

Empower yourself with confidence and self-belief to achieve your goals!



Girl on the Fly

by Nansubuga Nagadya Isdahl, David Fickling Books, £8.99

Relay track dreams and dramas for thirteen-year-old Kamaria in this story of friendship and family with an athletics angle.



Fantastically Great Women Sport Stars and their Stories

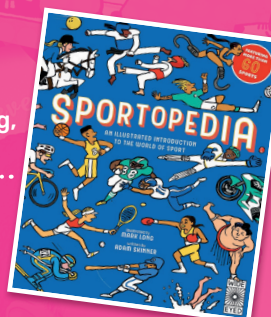
by Kate Pankhurst, Bloomsbury, £7.99

From football superstars to trailblazing Olympians, discover the amazing women throughout history who have fought for the right to take part in their sport.

Sportopedia

by Adam Skinner, illustrated by Mark Long, Wide Eyed Editions, £12.99

Celebrate all kinds of sports and their heroes in this extensive, full-colour compendium of sporting greatness.



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