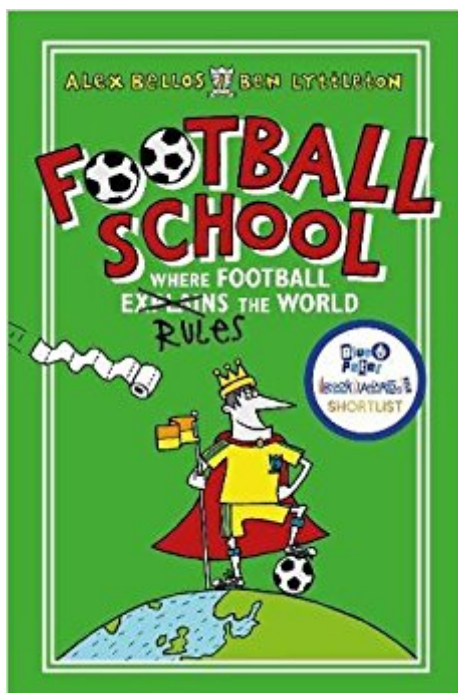


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# Football School Season 1: Where Football Explains The World



## Synopsis

A groundbreaking new series from two bestselling writers that teaches you about the world through football. A groundbreaking new series from two bestselling writers that teaches you about the world through football. The first book is packed with awesome true stories, real science and fascinating facts and will make you laugh loads. When do footballers poo? Can you play football on Mars? What is a magic sponge? You will find the answers to these questions and more in chapters on subjects such as history, geography, biology and maths. Illustrated throughout with hilarious cartoons and filled with laugh-out-loud gags this is the perfect book for any boy or girl who loves football. Your coaches at Football School, Alex Bellos and Ben Lyttleton, are journalists, broadcasters and award-winning science and sports writers. Their knowledge, enthusiasm and engaging writing make them the perfect team to teach you how to score with your head.

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'The perfect book to get football-mad kids enthusiastic about reading' \* Paul Brackwell, Head of Education, Aston Villa Football Club \*

"Am very jealous of Alex Bellos and Ben Lyttleton - I fear they have a bestseller here. Section on poo is especially good." \* Simon Kuper, Financial Times \*

"This book is superb way for children to learn about such diverse subjects as geography, maths and psychology. I have really enjoyed reading it with my seven-year-old son - and he's not the only one

who has been learning a lot" \* Marcus Christenson, Football Editor, The Guardian \* "Have you got football-loving kids? This got a massive thumbs-up from mine. Recommended reading." \* Amy Lawrence, The Observer \* "My 8-year-old daughter can't put this down. It's brilliant!" \* Raphael Honigstein, The Guardian \* 'We love this book, it's like a Horrible Histories for football. There is nothing like it on the market....it's education through the back door - funny, cheeky and a little bit naughty!' \* Paul Hawksbee and Andy Jacobs, TalkSPORT. \* "NEW BOOK OF THE WEEK - This brilliant new book is a treasure trove of fascinating football facts and trivia" \* The Week Junior \* A veritable treasure trove for footie mad kids (and adults)" \* Justine Roberts, CEO and Founder, Mumsnet \* The authors of this very entertaining book claim that there's no better way to learn about the world than through football. Hence it is divided into "lessons" - Biology, History, Physics etc. - each of which is packed with fascinating football related information. Business Studies looks at footballers' wages... Zoology considers famous club mascots; Drama looks at goal celebrations... There are lots of diagrams and cartoon illustrations throughout too and as a football/trivia/information book this is really hard to beat. \* LoveReading4Kids \* "Offers lessons on a series of school subjects through football, explaining how the world's most popular sport is linked to each one." \* The Day \* This fun kids' book uses football to teach youngsters about subjects as diverse as history, maths, and even computer science. Presented as a mix of writing, quiz questions and cartoons, every topic is explored using references to the beautiful game [...] Sports-mad fans of the Horrible Histories books will find this hard to put down. \* The Sun \* "Alex Bellos and Ben Lyttleton identified a complex problem, and addressed it with a deceptively, elegantly simple solution. How to address the growing problem of boys stopping reading, while keeping them engaged enough to tear eyes away from videogames and television and the plethora of immediate entertainment 21st century life is set up to provide? Their answer was to write a football book, in name only-football presented in an entertaining, jocular manner, as a lens through which children could examine history, science and even linguistics for the first time." \* Newsweek \* Illustrated throughout with hilarious cartoons, this is a great fact book for any boy or girl who loves football, or anyone who likes to learn facts in non-traditional way. Funny, informative, and hugely entertaining, it is recommend for fans of non-fiction books like The Epic Book of Epicness, Corpse Talk and Horrible Histories. \* Booktrust \* This fascinating book even got me interested in football. It's packed full of an eclectic mix of interesting facts [...] Illustrated with hilarious cartoons this is the ideal gift for footy fans. It's amazing how much the beautiful game can inspire and teach by investigating the history, origins and customs. \* South Wales Evening Post \* "There are lots of diagrams and cartoon illustrations throughout too and as a football/trivia/information book this is really hard to beat." \* Julia

Eccleshare, LoveReading \* "I absolutely loved Football School, as although there were lessons, there were also lots of laughs! It's about how professional footballers are so good and also how you can get better yourself. Each chapter is based on a new subject. I'd recommend it to any football lover, as it gives great tips but also really interesting facts!" -- Noah Robson, aged 12 \* First News \*

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Being a book blogger you would have thought that I would have managed to pass on my love of reading to my children. Unfortunately I didn't. Only one of my three boys enjoys reading. The other two you have to force to sit and read. So upon receiving this book I asked my youngest son (the one who enjoys reading), to read it and tell me what he thought. He started straight away and immediately I could hear him giggling to himself, apparently over a section to do with poo, taught in biology. The book is split into school subjects and teaches children about those subjects, using football as its theme. Every now and again my son would come to me and tell me about the different subjects and what was happening, including a grizzly part about an old football-like game where if you were on the losing team, you had your head chopped off! The book made my son laugh out loud, it made him take himself off to bed early so that he could sit and read before he went to sleep, and it made him engage with me about what he had read. All in all, three reasons why I am really impressed with this book. According to my son, this book is brilliant and a must read for any football fan, even grown-ups will like it "well what more can I say!!" Reviewed by Stacey at Whispering Stories Book Blog\*\*I received a free copy of this book, which I voluntarily reviewed\*\*

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