



# All Hallows Catholic School

## RECOMMENDED READING

As the weather warms up again, here are some summer themed texts for you this week. Why not begin with John Clare's beautiful poem. And *Lord of the Flies* is a must-read for every teenager who dreams of getting away from their parents - but life on a desert island isn't so simple with no-one to guide you!

### This Week's Reading

#### Key Stage 3

### Lord of the Flies

By William Golding

Read it [here](#) or listen [here](#)

#### Key Stage 4

### Sense and Sensibility

By Jane Austen

Read it [here](#) or listen [here](#)

#### Key Stage 5

### The Bell Jar

By Sylvia Plath

Read it [here](#) or listen [here](#)

### Poem of the Week

### Sonnet by John Clare

I love to see the summer beaming forth  
And white wool sack clouds sailing to the north  
I love to see the wild flowers come again  
And mare blobs stain with gold the meadow drain  
And water lilies whiten on the floods  
Where reed clumps rustle like a wind shook wood  
Where from her hiding place the Moor Hen pushes  
And seeks her flag nest floating in bull rushes  
I like the willow leaning half way o'er  
The clear deep lake to stand upon its shore  
I love the hay grass when the flower head swings  
To summer winds and insects happy wings  
That sport about the meadow the bright day  
And see bright beetles in the clear lake play

Listen [here](#)

### Fact instead of Fiction

### Marvel fan?

Check out [this extract](#) from the biography of creator of the original Marvel Comics, Stan Lee by Danny Fingerth.

### Reviewing your Reading

Don't forget we want to hear from you to help us compile a reading list for summer: what books would you recommend to your friends? For help writing a book review, click [here](#). Then send your reviews to your English teacher.

### This Week's Watching

#### Key Stage 3, 4 and 5

### The Merchant of Venice

by William Shakespeare

Watch this RCS Live version [here](#)  
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#### Key Stage 4 or 5

### Hamlet

by William Shakespeare

A colourful modern adaptation on the BBC iplayer [here](#)

#### Key Stage 5

### Talking Heads by Alan Bennett

Watch the new BBC adaptation with lots of famous faces [here](#)