



# Summer Reading

The English Department is very excited to have you in one of our new Year 8 classes in September. So that you can continue to build on all the hard work in English you did in your primary school, we would like you to enjoy reading some of these books over the summer holidays.

Whether you choose to read in a cozy armchair or out in your garden, we recommend you read at least two of the books from the list. There are plenty of different books to choose from; we hope you will find something you really like. NI Libraries have most of these books available for free download or digital borrowing. NI Libraries link:

<https://www.librariesni.org.uk/Pages/LNIeBooksandMagazines.aspx>

We look forward to doing some activities in September about some of the books you have read. Have a lovely summer!

## **Adventure**

*Stormbreaker* Anthony Horowitz  
*Swallows & Amazons* Arthur Ransome  
*Alpha Force Series* Chris Ryan

## **Classics**

*Little Women* Louisa May Alcott  
*The Secret Garden* Frances Hodgson Burnett  
*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* Lewis Carroll  
*The Railway Children* Elizabeth Nesbit  
*The Hobbit* J R R Tolkien  
*Black Beauty* Anna Sewell

## **Fantasy**

*Northern Lights* Philip Pullman  
*Stormchasers* Stewart & Riddell  
*The Wolves of Willoughby Chase* Joan Aiken

## **History**

*The Silver Sword* Ian Serraillier  
*I Coriander* Sally Gardner

## **Animal Stories**

*Watership Down* Richard Adams  
*Jennie* Paul Gallico  
*My Family and Other Animals* Gerald Durrell  
*The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips* Michael Morpurgo  
*Watership Down* Richard Adams

