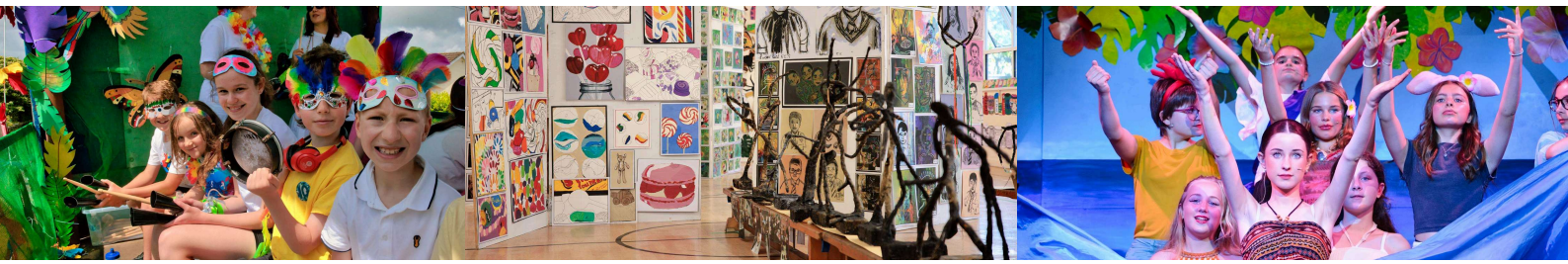


# Lockyer's Middle School

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## Headteacher Update

Welcome to the last Lockyer's newsletter of what has been a fantastic year! We're sure you'll enjoy catching up on all the exciting things we've been up to this summer term.

Alongside this main newsletter, we've also published our **LMS Extra Issue 4** (Summer PE Newsletter) and **The Lockyers Bookshelf #3** (Summer Reading Newsletter). Please take a moment to read these as well, as they further celebrate our students' and school's achievements throughout the summer term.

## Celebrating our Leavers

As the academic year draws to a close, the staff at Lockyer's would like to wish our Year 8 leavers every success as they head off to Corfe Hills and Queen Elizabeth. They've been a vital part of our school for the past 4 years, and while we're excited for their new beginnings, we'll truly miss them. A big good luck to all of Year 8! We also send our heartfelt best wishes for the future to our Year 6 students who are leaving us.

This year, we are bidding farewell to Mrs. Bibby, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Williams, and Mrs. Pym. With some retiring and others moving on to new adventures, we wish them all the best as they begin their next chapters. We are incredibly grateful for their hard work, commitment, and the positive difference they've made to Lockyer's and every student they've taught. Thank you for everything!

## Year 6 SATs

As you might have seen in the national news recently, the Year 6 SATs results are out, and we couldn't be prouder of our students! This year, they've achieved our **best ever results**, scoring well above the national average and the **highest amongst middle schools nationally**. This success is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and the outstanding support from our teaching staff and parents.

We are incredibly excited for all our students to continue this success as they transition into Year 7. Those who remain with us at Lockyer's will find themselves perfectly positioned to build upon this exceptional foundation, ensuring they have continued access to our high-quality education and the supportive environment they've thrived in. We are confident that their journey here will continue to be one of academic excellence and personal growth.

## A Heartfelt Thank You

As the school year ends, I want to express my sincere gratitude to our entire school community. It's been a truly successful year, filled with personal development experiences that have helped everyone contribute to our strong sense of belonging

We have seen new events blossom, including our wonderful school production of Moana and our debut participation in Voice in a Million. We also celebrated our wider community spirit with memorable events such as our fantastic Art Exhibition, the impressive Rio Samba Float for the Corfe Mullen Carnival, and our lively Summer Fayre. Our dedicated staff team, incredible students, and supportive families have truly made this a year to remember. Thank you to each and every one of you who has contributed to making this year so special!

Wishing you all a wonderful summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming our students back on **Monday 8th September**.

Best wishes,

*A. Dufek*

A. Dufek, Headteacher



# What's been happening at Lockyer's?

## Year 5

This half term, our Year 5's were extremely lucky to have a visit in school from Maz Evans, the author of the fantastic book "Who Let the Gods Out?!" which they have been reading in DEAR time. Maz, as ever, gave a fantastic and lively introduction in to her many books and stories, explaining how she writes and how she comes up with the ideas. This was followed by a Q&A session by the children and the opportunity for the children to get their own personal copies of Maz's books signed.



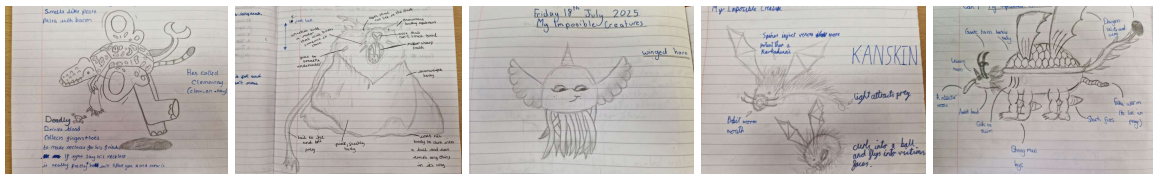
Year 5 finally got to experience the wonders of Corfe Barrows Heathland with the fantastic Dorset Urban Heath Partnership, engaging in a range of nature activities. We are so blessed to have such wonderful Heathland surrounding our community. This visit provided the children with opportunities to learn more about their local heathland with a guided wildlife walk with plant identification. Children also thoroughly enjoyed some sweep netting and identification of invertebrates using classification keys.

## Year 6

Year 6 had a wonderful time on their residential trip to Okehampton this half term. It was a joy to see children laughing with their friends, having a go at new activities and soaking up the beautiful scenery of Dartmoor. Facing fears of heights; sharing a room with their friends; playing in the park; a fun time was had by all (including the adults). The students represented the school beautifully. With thanks to all the parents and carers for allowing the children to have this wonderful memory-making experience.



## Year 7



After finishing the fabulously exciting 'Impossible Creatures' by Katherine Rundell, this half term, Year 7 have been busy creating their very own impossible creatures. They have either chosen to combine elements of real animals, adapting an existing animal to make it impossible or creating their very own from scratch. The results have been terrific coupled with expertly crafted descriptions imagining themselves encountering these animals for the very first time just as the character Chistopher does in the book.

## Year 8

Our Year 8's had a great time at their residential at Buddens Activity Centre at the beginning of this half term. Despite some very mixed weather, the students and staff had an absolutely outstanding time, getting to grips with many team-building and motivational activities; kayaking, stand-up-paddleboarding and Mega SUP, Jacob's ladder, climbing wall, nightline, archery, wide games, plus lots of fresh air and quality time spent together.



We want to say a huge thank you to parents and carers for allowing your children this memorable opportunity, to all of the staff for giving their time and for the Rockley team for their expertise and assistance.



This Summer, our year 8s have been looking at future careers and were lucky enough to welcome four guests in to talk about their career paths; Dr Anjana Khatwa (geologist, earth scientist and BBC Presenter), Ian and Emma Macklin (Graphic Designers and business owners) and Stacey Knowles (various career paths including Flight attendant, Crime Scene Investigator and now owner of a successful Virtual Assistant company.).

We would like to thank all of our visitors for such insightful presentations. They have really given the students food for thought when considering the next steps in their educational journeys.

# What else has been happening?

## Corfe Mullen Carnival

On Saturday 14th July, we took part in the [Corfe Mullen Carnival](#) procession. Not only did we win our float category, but we won the overall Best in Show!

Mrs Ogilvie and the Carnival Club students worked super hard on all of the decorations for the last six weeks. Mrs Wallace and the Samba band practised tirelessly all of the fantastic brazilian drumming.

It was a fantastic team effort, coming together perfectly on a very sunny Saturday!

Thank you so much to all of the parents and carers who allowed their children to take part, to all of the Lockyer's staff that helped with the mammoth build on Saturday morning and to everyone who waved and cheered us along the carnival route!

It was a fantastic and memorable day for all of us!



## Moana Junior - The Musical

In June, our brilliant Musical Theatre Group staged an outstanding production of Moana Junior, the Musical. Thank you to Mrs Ball, Mrs Seddon and Mrs Wallace, for bringing together such a wonderful show, Miss Patino for the exceptional set design and prop creations, [Friends of Lockyer's Middle School](#) for organising the bar, James at [@Dorset-Video-Shoots](#) for all of the incredible photos and video footage, and last but not least, our super-talented students for making such a memorable and spectacular show!

We look forward to the next one!!



## Art Exhibition 2025

Our incredible Art Department held an outstanding Art Exhibition this half term. It showcased work by every single student in our school - exhibiting such high quality work by all of our young people; the theme being Identity. The paintings, masks, sculptures and installations were absolutely stunning.

We thank Miss Patino and Miss Bibby for all of their tireless work in the Art Department. Also, to our Art Ambassadors, thank you for your help and support.



## Summer Fayre 2025 - Friends of Lockyers



What an absolutely fantastic and memorable afternoon we had for our Summer Fayre! The sun shone, the ice creams whipped, the bouncy-castles bounced, the rats splatted, the tattoos glittered and not forgetting...the teachers were well and truly sponged!

Thank you to each and every person that came along and took part in one/some/all of the activities and stalls. We had SO much fun and raised loads of much-needed funds for our wonderful school.

Thank you to the outstanding Friends of Lockyer's Middle School for organising this for us. Thank you to all of the teachers and staff who helped setting up and on our games and activities. Thank you to Reverend Jane, David and Evie from St Nicholas Church Corfe Mullen for providing the free activities space, to all of the stall holders and refreshment stands too! The food and drink was delicious!

And as ever, thank you to James at Dorset Video Shoots for the fab photos!

We look forward to the next one!



## Merit Prizes



This half term has seen the culmination of all of the hard work of all of our students this year - in the form of Merit Reward Prizes. Through hard work, kindness and demonstrating our school values on a daily basis, our students have earned many, many points and been able to exchange them for these reward prizes; Dodgeball Competition, Costa Coffee Trip, Ten Pin Bowling Trip, Nerf Battle at Adventure Pirates, Bouncy Castle Assault Course, Cupcake Baking, Mario Kart Competition and Ferndown Golf Range. We look forward to doing many more rewards with the children next school year.



## PE news from Mr. Joyce

Please see the separate PE Newsletter for everything PE-related this term! There's lots to read about!

Don't forget we have Mr. Joyce's brilliant PE Newsletters available on our website [here](#)



## Extra-Curricular Achievements



Congratulations to Jensen, Zac, Durga, Erin, Lilly, Samuel, Harrison, Isaac, Amiya and Finlay on their out-of-school achievements this half term. We are so proud of you all!

Please keep sending the achievements in, so we can celebrate them in school and with our community. [#proudschool](#)

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You can also use our [school website](https://www.lockyersmiddle.org) to learn more about our school. Visit <https://www.lockyersmiddle.org>



## School term and holiday dates 2025/2026

### Autumn Term 2025

**Staff Training Days**                      Wednesday 3rd September  
Thursday 4th September  
Friday 5th September

First Day of Term                      Monday 8th September

**Half Term Holiday**                      **Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October**

**Staff Training Day**                      Monday 3rd November  
Pupils Return                              Tuesday 4th November  
Last Day of Term                        Thursday 18th December  
**Staff Training Day**                      Friday 19th December

**Christmas Holiday**                      **Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January 2026**

### Spring Term 2026

**Staff Training Day**                      Monday 5th January  
First Day of Term                        Tuesday 6th January

**Half Term Holiday**                      **Monday 16th – Friday 20th February**

**Staff Training Day**                      Monday 23rd February  
Pupils Return                              Tuesday 24th February  
Last Day of Term                        Friday 27th March

**Easter Holiday**                              **Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April**  
**Staff Training Day**                      Monday 13th April

### Summer Term 2026

First Day of Term                        Tuesday 14th April

**Half Term Holiday**                      **Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May**

Pupils Return                              Monday 1st June

Last Day of Term                        Wednesday 22nd July

For a full list of term dates for 2025/2026 go to the [Term Dates](#) page on our website.

## School Dinners - Cut-Off Dates



#### Deadline to place order

Sunday 24th August  
Sunday 31st August  
Sunday 7th September  
Sunday 14th September  
Sunday 21st September  
Sunday 28th September

#### For Week Commencing

Monday 8th September  
Monday 15th September  
Monday 22nd September  
Monday 29th September  
Monday 13th October  
Monday 20th October

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