

# Lockyer's Middle School

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## Headteacher Update

Our students have excelled in this term, embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm. As we wrap up the year, we are thrilled to share the highlights of their hard work and achievements in this final newsletter of 2025.

## Proud to be Lockyer's: Top of the Tables!

National KS2 results were released last week, and we have some incredible news to share. Following our KS2 SATs in May 2025, **76% of our students achieved ARE** (Age Related Expectations) or higher in Reading, Writing, and Maths - significantly outperforming the national average of 62%.

These results make Lockyer's Middle School the best middle school in the South West of England and best middle school in Dorset. This is a testament to our passionate teachers and our resilient students who strive to be their very best. Congratulations to all!

## Improving Attendance

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our children attend school regularly. Through assemblies, rewards, and friendly competitions, we are working hard to maximise attendance across all year groups. At the end of this first term, our Year 5 and Year 6 students hold the best attendance records across our four Trust Middle Schools, sitting at 97% and 96.4% respectively. While our Year 7 and 8 attendance (93.7% and 93.9%) shows improvement. We know that maintaining high attendance throughout Middle School is vital for future GCSE success. We look forward to working with you next term to give our children the very best possibility to be successful.

## Christmas Cracker Competition

In November, the Corfe Mullen Carnival Committee launched their 'Design a Christmas Cracker' competition, inviting local students to submit creative designs using a special template. After the Heart and Soul Creative Team judged the entries, the results are finally in!

We are incredibly proud to announce our **runners-up, Edie W (5EM) and Fiona R (6BP)**, who each received a single cracker featuring their own design.

A huge congratulations goes to our three overall **winner: Isabella Y (5EM), Leo A (6EC), and Oscar R (8LP)**. As a reward for their creativity, their designs were professionally made into fully functional Christmas crackers!

## Staffing Update

In January, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Jewel, one of our wonderful teaching assistants. Mrs Jewel has worked with us since January 2024 and has been a dedicated member of staff to all parts of our school. We wish her all the best as she embarks on a new journey working at Dumpton School.

Finally, on behalf of the team, we wish you a very Merry Christmas. We look forward to welcoming students back on **Tuesday 6th January 2026!**

Best wishes,

*A. Dufek*

A. Dufek, Headteacher



## What's been happening at Lockyer's?

### The Big Pitch

Year 7 pupils have been delivering their Big Pitch presentations in their tutor groups to demonstrate their brilliant Oracy skills that we have been working on this term. We are looking forward to seeing some of these in a whole school assembly in the new year!



### Christmas Yule Log Decorating Competition

Over the last few weeks, our Year 8's have been baking Yule Logs as part of their Food Technology lessons. Mrs Siallagan has run a competition for the best decorated Yule Logs and what fantastic entries we had!



1st Place - Molly B



2nd Place - Freya B



3rd Place - Thomas B

### 🎵 Lockyer's Music Department - Christmas Concert 2025



On Tuesday 9th December, St Nicholas' Church was filled with festive spirit as pupils took part in our annual Christmas concert, themed "Christmas Through Time."

The concert showcased a wonderful journey through music, bringing together creativity, energy and joy. Audiences were treated to colourful boomwhacker performances, a fun and lively rendition of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, and an infectious samba drumming performance set to *Feliz Navidad*. Classic favourites such as *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* and *Here Comes Santa Claus* added to the festive atmosphere and had many smiling faces in the audience.

The celebration continued with our fantastic Year 5 pupils, who sang Christmas songs from around the world. Their performances took the audience on a musical journey across Africa, Ireland, Australia, America and Mexico, beautifully highlighting how Christmas is celebrated across different cultures.

This concert was a true team effort. A huge thank you to all the pupils involved for their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment, and to the parents and carers for their continued support throughout rehearsals and performances.

The Music Department would like to wish all our pupils, families and staff a very happy Christmas. Thank you for your continued support of music in our school. We wish everyone a joyful festive season and a wonderful New Year.

If your child is interested in learning piano, guitar or singing, there are a small number of spaces still available for the Spring term. Please contact the school office for further details.



## Friends of Lockyer's - Christmas Craft Evening



Earlier this month, we were delighted to host our first Christmas Craft event, and it was a huge success. This was all thanks to our wonderful Lockyer's community — from the fantastic volunteers who helped run the event to the families who came along and supported us.



During the evening, children and families enjoyed making wooden gonks, sparkling candle holders, button tree decorations, woollen Christmas trees and, of course, our very popular festive swags — so popular, in fact, that one is proudly hanging on Miss Dufek's door!

We are thrilled to share that the event raised over £300, which will be reinvested directly into funding future events, activities and resources for the children. Due to the overwhelming success, we are very much looking forward to bringing this event back next year.



We are always keen to explore new ways to raise funds for our school, so please do join us at our next meeting in the new year if you have any ideas or would simply like to lend a hand.



## National Space Academy Workshop

Some of our KS3 students had the opportunity to attend a National Space Academy workshop at school. They learnt all about the search for life in space and the possible effects on the human body as astronauts go into space. They showed impressive maths skills in calculating the number of chemical reactions in the human body per second (30 quintillion!) and loved comparing the speed of reactions in glow sticks under different conditions.

## KS2 Science Club

Our enthusiastic scientists have had another great half-term. Highlights have included designing and making a model Mars landing craft. The fun part was that their astronauts were raw eggs. Several survived using a combination of parachutes and cushioning, even when dropped from ceiling height. In the last 2 weeks, they have been creating Santa alarms using their knowledge of electrical circuits.



## Antibullying Week

This year's Anti-bullying Week was packed with activities and workshops to promote the importance of making positive choices and continuing to be kind in our community. We started with Odd Socks Day, had an incredible mid-week Bake Sale and ended the week with Antibullying Workshops, carried out by Actionwork Theatre Workshops.

## Key Stage 3 Textiles Club

On Thursday 11th December Mrs Siallagan had the pleasure of taking 10 pupils to the Corfe Mullen church, to decorate our tree for the Christmas tree festival. Everyone very much enjoyed decorating the tree, with the hand made felt decorations they had made at the Textiles club. Mr Wilson saved the day by getting us some batteries for the LED lights. Everyone really enjoyed the afternoon and we came back to school to enjoy a mug of hot chocolate and biscuits to celebrate our Christmas tree decoration.



## PE news from Mr. Joyce

We have a fantastic new PE Newsletter [here](#) for you, to catch up on all of the incredible sporting achievements that have taken place this half term.

We want to congratulate all of our teams and individuals who have taken part in so many events over this past half term.

## Personal Labelling/ Lost Property

Please could we once again stress the importance of labelling every item of clothing, lunchboxes, water bottles and any other items that are potentially going to get lost. The amount of unlabelled lost property in school is extremely high and it is important that children take responsibility for their belongings.



## School term and holiday dates 2025/2026

### Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January 2026 -	Inset Day
Tuesday 6th January 2026 -	Pupils Return to School
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February 2026 -	<b>Half Term Break</b>
Monday 23rd February -	Inset Day
Monday 24th February -	Pupils Return to School
Friday 27th March -	Last Day of Term
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April 2026 -	<b>Easter Holidays</b>

### Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April -	Inset Day
Tuesday 14th April -	Pupils Return to School
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May 2026 -	<b>Half Term Break</b>
Monday 1st June -	Pupils Return to School
Wednesday 22nd July -	Last Day of Term

For a full list of term dates for 2025/2026 click [here](#)

## School Dinners - Cut-Off Dates

Deadline to place order	For Week Commencing
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2025	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2026
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2026 (No Bookings Required)	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 (HALF-TERM HOLIDAY)
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026

Click [here](#) for the Autumn/Winter Menu



## Kit Shop

Lockyer's Kit Shop Price List	
Blue Handwriting Pen	50p
Pink, Green or Purple Pen	20p each
Eraser	30p
Whiteboard Pen	50p
Pencil	30p
Gluestick	£1
30cm Ruler	50p

CASH ONLY PLEASE



Don't forget, students are able to purchase stationery equipment from our Kit Shop.

**PLEASE NOTE: YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BUY FROM OUR KIT SHOP; WE ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO HAVE EVERYTHING THEY NEED WHEN THEY ARRIVE AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY.**

Children should take ownership of their belongings. We ask that you regularly check to ensure that they have everything they need for every school day.

## Achievement Badges



All children at Lockyer's Middle School can work towards becoming a Maths Master, Millionaire Reader and Tassomai Titan (*Key Stage 3 pupils only*).



To be a **Maths Master** you need to have achieved 10,000 XP on the Sparx Maths platform, "**Read through the Rainbow**" and collect certificates for every 3 successful book quizzes.

To be a **Millionaire Reader** you need to have collected a million words from successfully-completed quizzes.

**How many badges can you collect this academic year?**

## Social Media

Please follow us on



**Facebook** Lockyers Middle School  
**X (Formerly Twitter)** @Lockyers\_Middle

We aim to provide regular updates.  
You can also use our **school website to learn more about our school**. Visit  
<https://www.lockyersmiddle.org>

*Have a wonderful Christmas break!*



BCP Council have

**Vacancies**

for

**Passenger Assistants**

To support children with SEND on their journeys to and from school daily.

You would need to be available (approx.)

**7am – 10am and 2.30pm – 5pm** daily.

Term Time only

Full training given to include First Aid, Epilepsy, Safeguarding, Autism and Induction, as well as on the job training with existing Passenger Assistants.

Both Male and Female applicants welcomed.

For a Job Description and Application form please email:

**claire.vass@bcpcouncil.gov.uk**

Or call

**01202 123683**

for an informal chat.

