

Lockyer's Middle School

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Headteacher Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy half term and we are delighted to be sharing our Spring 2 Newsletter with you.

Mary Poppins!

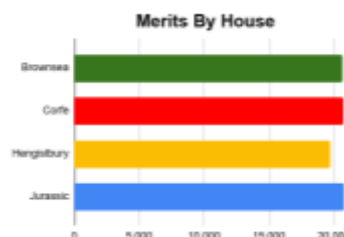
Our students have shown incredible **ambition** and worked so incredibly hard this week on their phenomenal production of Mary Poppins. This sell-out show is the fantastic result of months of dedication, teamwork, rehearsing, making, and organising. We are immensely proud of the energy, **courage**, and commitment shown by every single participant! The performances were truly outstanding and the set so beautifully designed by our Art Ambassadors and Miss Patino. The students' **respect** for one another and the process was evident throughout. A huge congratulations to everyone involved, and a special thank you to Mrs Ball, Mrs Seddon, and Mrs Wallace for their dedication to the performance.



House Points

Jurassic House is currently holding the top spot in our yearly house points leaderboard! Since September, they've accumulated a massive **20,796 points** but the race is tight. Corfe House is hot on their heels, trailing by just 66 merits!

The excitement around merits is fantastic thanks to our Prize Shop. In school, students are frequently updated on the latest rewards and how to claim them. We want to extend a huge thank you to the **Friends of Lockyer's**. Their generous funding makes these rewards possible and keeps our students motivated to do their best.



Equipment and Uniform

At Lockyer's, we have been running daily equipment checks for just over a year now, and we want to say a huge thank you for ensuring your children arrive ready to learn. It has made a significant difference to learning time in the classroom! To keep this momentum going, please continue to support your child in mastering the important skill of self-organisation. We ask that families provide: handwriting pens, pencil, Ruler, rubber, glue stick and pink & green pen. Equipment checks will continue to take place every morning during registration. Thank you for helping our students stay prepared and successful!

As we move into the summer term, we'd like to remind parents and guardians about our [school uniform requirements](#). Specifically, please ensure that shorts, skirts and trousers are paired with plain grey or black plain socks. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

National Semi-Finals - Year 8 Boys Football

History was made this month as our Year 8 Boys' Football Team reached the National Cup Semi-Finals for the first time! Although they narrowly missed out on a spot in the final, their performance was nothing short of inspiring. Their ambition and grit on the pitch have made the entire school community proud. Well done, boys! For more sporting success stories, please read our [LMS Extra!](#)

Finally, a huge thank you to all the students and staff for their hard work this term. On behalf of the team, we wish you an enjoyable break and we look forward to welcoming students back on **Tuesday 14th April** for the Summer Term.

Best wishes,

A. Dufek, Headteacher



What's been happening at Lockyer's?

Year 5

Year 5 recently enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to Paultons Park as part of their science learning on forces. During their visit, the children took part in an engaging workshop led by the park's teaching staff, where they explored different types of forces and discovered how these are applied in the rides around the park. The workshop provided a fantastic opportunity for pupils to deepen their understanding, making meaningful links between classroom learning and real-world experiences. The excitement continued as the children then had the chance to experience these forces in action by enjoying a wide range of rides, both big and small, throughout the day. It was a wonderful trip where fun and learning went hand in hand and all the children had a fantastic time. A big thank you goes to all the adults who volunteered their time to support the trip—your help made the day possible and ensured it ran smoothly.



Year 6

Year 6 recently took part in a Mental Health Support Team (MHST) workshop focused on understanding stress and learning ways to relax. During the session, the children explored what stress is, identified common triggers they may experience in everyday life, and discussed how these feelings can affect both the body and mind. They were introduced to a range of practical breathing techniques to help manage moments of worry or pressure, and considered simple, positive strategies they can use to reduce stress and support their wellbeing. The workshop was engaging and informative, equipping pupils with valuable tools they can use both in school and at home.



Year 7

Year 7 have been thoroughly enjoying their Design lessons this half term and it has been wonderful to see their pride in their creations. They have been busy making delicious apple turnovers: mastering the art of folding pastry and appreciating the importance of timing in cooking. In Woodwork, we have seen our pupils using high level techniques such as inlaying and using accurate chisel work which is an advanced skill taught at a later point in many other settings. We hope that you are enjoying their creations as they come home!

Year 8

As well as a significant number of the year group contributing to the latest school production, Mary Poppins, and the Year 8 boys making it all the way to the semi-finals of a national football cup competition, Spring 2 half term has been an intensive five weeks of important learning opportunities across the curriculum. This included a visit from a drama group who performed Chelsea's Story. The production aims to educate young people on healthy vs. unhealthy relationships, the grooming process, safe internet usage, and consent. The performance was followed by an actor-facilitated post-show talk to help our students process the subject matter, explore the issues raised, and learn how to identify warning signs as a vital part of safeguarding and personal development (PSHE) programmes.

World Book Day/ Readathon

What a perfect whirlwind of celebrating reading we had for World Book Day and our Readathon! From our much loved Scavenger Hunt where pupils raced to match books with their settings, to the outstanding contributions to our Creative Reading Competition and the wonderful excited buzz surrounding the Book Swap tables at the end of the day, it was a day of the most brilliant conversations around books and stories.

A huge thank you for the support from home with the creative submissions and bringing in the books for the Book Swap - we couldn't have done it without you!



School Disco

Last week we had the Spring Discos, run by our wonderful Friends of Lockyer's group. The students had a brilliant time and were thoroughly entertained by Darren from Blitz Disco. We raised over £800 for activities and equipment in school.



Keep an eye out for more Friends of Lockyer's fundraising events after Easter.



Merit Prizes

Spaces are filling up for our Merit Prizes. Please encourage your child to carry on exhibiting great behaviours and earning those points! Keep up-to-date with their total on the Arbor app!



PE news from Mr. Joyce

It has been an outstanding Spring Term for sporting fixtures here at Lockyer's. Click [here](#) for the full PE Newsletter.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 14th April -	Students Back to School
Friday 24th April -	School Nurse Drop-In Sessions
Friday 24th April -	Colour Run (Organised by Friends of Lockyer's)

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May - Year 6 SATs Week

Wednesday 20th May - Year 8 Parents Residential Information Evening - 6pm

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May - Half Term Break

Monday 1st June - Students Return to School

Wednesday 3rd June - Year 6 Residential Parents Meeting

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

Kit Shop

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.

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 Dinners - Cut-Off Dates



Deadline to place order

Sunday 29th March 2026
Sunday 5th April 2026
Sunday 12th April 2026
Sunday 19th April 2026
Sunday 26th April 2026
Sunday 3rd May 2026
Sunday 17th May 2026

For Week Commencing

Monday 13th April 2026
Monday 20th April 2026
Monday 27th April 2026
Monday 4th May 2026
Monday 11th May 2026
Monday 18th May 2026
Monday 1st June 2026

Click [here](#) for the Spring/ Summer Menu



Non-Uniform Day raffle	20 merits
Amazon voucher raffle	20 merits
Lego afternoon	60 merits
Mario Kart tournament	85 merits
Christmas biscuit making	100 merits
Dodgeball competition	100 merits
Christmas film afternoon	120 merits
Summer film afternoon	120 merits
Baking cupcakes	140 merits
Coffee shop visit	150 merits
Bowling trip	230 merits
Prevail scooter park trip	230 merits
Golf driving range trip	230 merits
Adventure Pirate - Nerf Battle	250 merits
Bouncy castle assault course	250 merits

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

Achievement Badges



All children at Lockyer's Middle School can work towards becoming a Maths Master or Millionaire Reader.



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>

Extra-Curricular Achievements



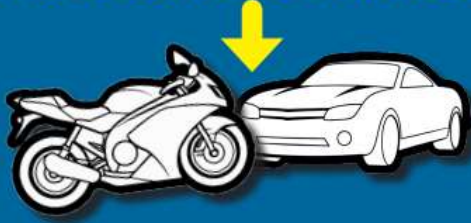
Congratulations to Bea, Lydia, Freya, Samuel and Matilda for their outstanding extra-curricular achievements this half term.

We look forward to sharing more with you in the Summer Term.

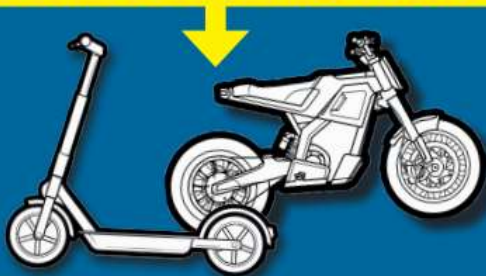
Have a wonderful Easter Holiday! See you back here on Tuesday 14th April!



Under 18 and want to drive one of these?



Then don't drive one of these!



Did you know that if you are caught riding an illegal e-bike/e-scooter, you could lose your driving licence before you pass your test?

**Don't choose to lose.
#OpThink**

It is against the law to ride a privately owned e-scooter on any public road, pavement, or land such as parks.

You risk your scooter being seized, receiving a fine, and points on your driving licence. This can prevent you from obtaining your provisional, full licence, or delay both.

You are only allowed to ride them on private land with landowners' permission.



A legal e-bike (EAPC) must have a 250w motor and provide pedal assist only.

- **It must not have a throttle.**
- **It must cut off at 15.5pmh (25kph).**
- **You must be aged 14 or over to ride on the public road.**
- **The above does not require a driving licence or insurance.**

Modifying bikes to exceed the above speed is illegal.



A non-compliant/modified e-bike requires registration, a driving licence, insurance, and a helmet. This means that they are essentially a moped. If your bike does not comply it cannot be used on a road without the above.

In the UK e-bikes exceeding the 15.5mph speed limit have not been legalised for road use.

If you ride a modified e-bike you risk serious injury or death, as the bike frame and brakes are not designed for such speeds.

For guidance, visit www.gov.uk and search **EAPC Standards** or scan the QR code

