



Lockyer's Middle School

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Headteacher Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another brilliant school year comes to a close, welcome to our final newsletter of the term! We hope you enjoy looking back over the highlights and achievements of a busy Summer Term.

Celebrating our Leavers

With the end of term upon us, the entire team at Lockyer's wants to send our best wishes to our Year 8 leavers as they prepare for their next step at Corfe Hills and Queen Elizabeth. Over the last four years, they have been a central part of our school community and though we are sad to see them go, we know they are ready for this exciting new chapter. Good luck, Year 8! We also extend our best wishes to our Year 6 pupils who are moving on to new pastures.

This term, we are also saying goodbye to four wonderful members of staff, Mrs Percy, Mrs Pugh, Miss Swan, and Mrs Lockhart. Whether stepping into retirement or pursuing new ventures we cannot thank them enough for their dedication, passion and the lasting impact they have had on our pupils and school community.

Celebrating Year 6 SATs

With Year 6 SATs results officially released, we are thrilled to celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of our students. Once again, Lockyer's has achieved results above the national average! This outcome is a direct reflection of the pupils' determination, alongside the nurturing guidance of our teaching team and the support from home. Huge congratulations to all involved!

Thank You

Reflecting on the year, I am filled with pride in everything our school community has accomplished. It has been a year rich in opportunities for our students to grow and learn..

From the spectacular production of Mary Poppins and our fantastic Musical Concert events to an outstanding year across all sports, our pupils have truly shone. Beyond the classroom, our community spirit has been as vibrant as ever, highlighted by our brilliant Art Exhibition, our eye-catching Corfe Mullen Carnival float, and a fantastic Summer Fayre. None of this would be possible without our devoted staff, fantastic pupils, and supportive families. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year such a success.

Have a restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to greeting our returning pupils on **Thursday 3rd September!**

Best wishes,

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A.Dufek, Headteacher



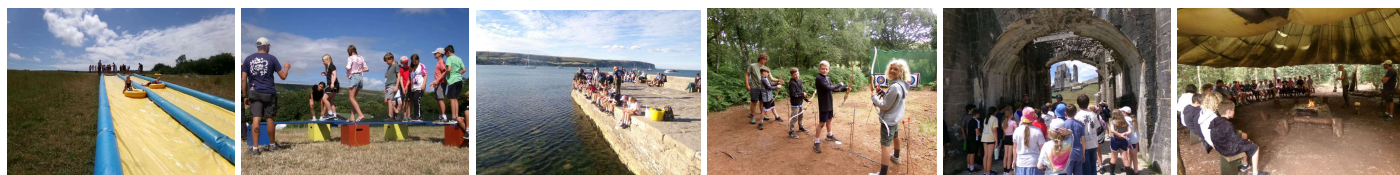
What's been happening at Lockyer's?

Year 5



After being postponed due to the heat wave, Year 5 were delighted to finally enjoy their Anglo-Saxon Day last week. Each class performed a section of the play *Saxons vs Vikings*, with many pupils confidently taking on speaking parts and everyone who wanted to joining in through an acting role. It was a joy to see the production come together when we performed it as a year group in the afternoon. The children were fantastic throughout the day, showing enthusiasm, confidence and impeccable behaviour, making us all incredibly proud. As we come to the end of the school year, we are so proud of how well Year 5 have settled into life at Lockyer's Middle School. They have had a wonderful first year, and we wish them every success as they move on to Year 6!

Year 6



Our Year 6 residential was a fantastic adventure, filled with fun, challenge, and unforgettable memories. Camping with friends was a new experience for many but one that was embraced and enjoyed! During our camping trip, the children showed great enthusiasm and resilience as they took part in exciting activities including rock climbing, coasteering, archery, fire lighting, team-building challenges, and a spectacular slip 'n' slide. They also enjoyed exploring Corfe Castle, trying their hand at crabbing, and spending the evenings together around the campfire. It was wonderful to see friendships grow, confidence flourish, and everyone embrace new experiences with such positive attitudes. A truly memorable week for all involved!

Year 7



It has been a creative half term for Year 7 to end the year with! In English, we have been exploring the themes and style of Shakespeare after finishing our unit on 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. We have been impressed with their lyrical skills in drafting potions, soliloquies, descriptive narratives and analytical pieces.



Returning favourite Science visitors Merck then enabled pupils to create their very own luminescent potions in a session covering both bio and chemical luminescence. We were also very pleased to welcome the author Genvieve Carver and archeologist Hayley Roberts to talk about Genevieve's new book 'The Ocean and the Bones' and the current dig at The Valley of the Stones National Nature Reserve. Excellent work Year 7!

Year 8



Wow! What an amazing end to the academic year for our year 8s! Firstly, our annual residential trip to Buddens activity centre went really well. Thankfully, the torrential rain during our arrival gave way quickly to summer sunshine and the children were able to enjoy both the amazing physical challenges - including assault courses, climbing and mega stand up paddleboard - and hanging out with their friends. As the half term continued, we were very grateful to Bournemouth University for inviting the whole year group to spend a few hours learning about the life of university students. Our children learned about the differences between school and university, how the university campus



supports students living away from home and how independence is developed through the university lifestyle. Many Lockyer's Middle children commented that they were hoping to one day get the chance to go to university as a result of what they had learned during the visit. Finally, we had the Leaver's Event last Thursday. It was wonderful to see the children enjoy the professional photo booth, try out physical challenges to win prizes and sample the amazing food on offer from the burger truck. Again we were blessed with the weather and all in all the evening had a chilled 'festival vibe' which was a fantastic way to celebrate the success of the year group during their time at Lockyer's Middle School. Have a great summer, everyone!

What else has been happening?

Corfe Mullen Carnival

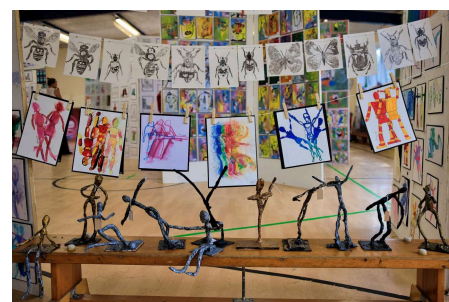
Cast your minds back to last month, when we took part in the Corfe Mullen Carnival float procession! Celebrating the theme "100 Years of Television," we were thrilled to once again take home 1st Place in the Intermediate Float category!

It was a brilliant day out, and we absolutely love being part of this wonderful community event. A massive thank you to all the children who took part, and to the dedicated staff who gave up their Saturday to build the float and join the procession.



Art Exhibition

A key highlight of our Summer Term was the wonderful Art Exhibition. It was an incredible celebration of creativity, featuring artwork from every single child across the school. A massive achievement made possible by Miss Patino. Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate our young artists and to those who purchased keyrings, badges, and cards. Your support raised valuable funds to help resource our Art Department for the future. Final thanks go to James at Dorset Video Shoots for capturing the showcase so brilliantly in his photographs.



Summer Fayre

The sun was shining, the atmosphere was buzzing, and this year's Summer Fayre turned out to be an absolute triumph! From ice cream and bouncy castle assault course to glitter tattoos and our very own BBQ stand, a fantastic afternoon was had by all. A massive thank you to everyone in our community who came along to join in the fun and support our school. Thanks to your enthusiasm and generosity, we had a fantastic time while raising £2,272.87 for Lockyer's.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible Friends of Lockyer's for their seamless organisation and to all the staff who pitched in with setup and ran the stalls.

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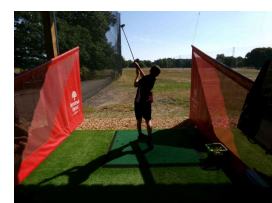
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We thank all parent and carer volunteers with their help with events throughout this year. Without their help, we would not have been able to run the various activities to raise the much-needed funds. With theirs and your help, we have been able to raise **£5,189.23** for the school.

We are having our AGM on **Tuesday 15th September**, where we invite anyone to come along and pitch ideas for the year ahead and vote for this year's committee. Please come along!

Merit Prizes

There have been an abundance of Merit Prizes taking place this half term! We have had bowling, nerf battles, Super Mario Kart, Bouncy Castle Assault Course, Ferndown Golf Course to name but a few! Congratulations to all of the children who have earned and spent their merit points. All the children have done so, so well this year and finished off with these brilliant prizes! We look forward to more of the same next year!



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 3rd September - Students Back to School

Thursday 10th September - Individual Photos

Monday 14th September - Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 16th September - Open Evening

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October - Half Term Break

For a full list of term dates for 2026/2027 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.

Medical Appointments During the School Day

To help us keep our attendance records accurate, please remember to share a screenshot or photo of your child's appointment confirmation (text, email, or letter) whenever they need to miss school for medical or dental care.

School Dinners - Cut-Off Dates



Deadline to place order

Sunday 16th August
Sunday 23rd August
Sunday 30th August
Sunday 6th September
Sunday 13th September
Sunday 20th September
Sunday 27th September
Sunday 4th October

For Week Commencing

Monday 31st August
Monday 7th September
Monday 14th September
Monday 21st September
Monday 28th September
Monday 5th October
Monday 12th October
Monday 19th October

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

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	



Escapeline's Helpline

Escapeline would like us to share information about their helpline, a confidential telephone support service for parents and carers in the South West of England who may be concerned about county lines, criminal and sexual exploitation affecting a young person.

Escapeline offers a safe, non-judgemental space to talk things through and receive guidance from trained advisors. Support is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 1pm.

You can find more information about the service here: <https://www.escapeline.org.uk>



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**Have a wonderful Summer Break! See you back here on
Thursday 3rd September!**

