



Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)
A Methodist Institution (Founded 1886)

31 December 2025

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

On behalf of our staff at ACS (Junior), I wish you and your families a blessed Christmas season filled with joy and cherished moments together. May your hearts be filled with God's peace and love as we celebrate His gift of Jesus Christ, the true reason this season is so special. As we begin the new school year, I hope you and your children have enjoyed a restful year-end break and are ready to embrace the opportunities that 2026 will bring.

My staff and I look forward to welcoming our Primary 1 boys on **Friday, 2 January 2026** and all our Primary 2 to 6 boys back to school on **Monday, 5 January 2026**.

Theme for 2026: ACS – A Beacon of Truth and Light (Matthew 5:16 ESV)

1. 2026 is a special year for the ACS Family as we celebrate our 140th Anniversary and commemorate how The Anglo-Chinese School was first founded on 1 March 1886 by Bishop William Fitzjames Oldham in a shophouse at 70 Amoy Street. All schools in the ACS Family will adopt the same theme and theme verse in 2026 to mark this significant milestone in our school's history.
2. Inspired by our school anthem, "**ACS – A Beacon of Truth and Light**" is a reminder that ACS was founded to "be a beacon of Truth and Light, in this island of the Main." One hundred and forty years on, the ACS Family of Schools continues to stand together, echoing the anthem's call that "our Hearts, our Hopes, our Aims are one....". Guided by this spirit, we seek to be part of the solution to the challenges facing our society today. Our most recent endeavour - the establishment of the ACS Academy - reflects this commitment, as it provides holistic learning for students of varied abilities. It is therefore fitting to reiterate this aspiration in our 140th Anniversary theme, as we look back with gratitude to God and press forward with purpose by His Grace.
3. Our theme verse is taken from Matthew 5:16 (ESV): "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." This verse reminds us that God has created each of us for a unique purpose, and through us, He can accomplish great and wonderful things to bless His people. As God's people, we are called to serve and are encouraged to always let our actions be a testament of His love.
4. To celebrate this special milestone, kindly take note that a combined 140th Founder's Day and Staff Dedication Service will be held on the afternoon of **Thursday, 26 February 2026** for the ACS Family of Schools. All Primary 1 to Primary 6 students will be involved in this service. More details will be shared at a later date.

Staff Matters

5. The school warmly welcomes the following staff:
 - Mr Feng Wenfu (Vice-Principal)

- Mr Yogeeindran Ramerchandra (Head of Department/Student Management)
- Mr Loe Weiqiang Timothy (Teacher)
- Mdm Mabel Ng (Teacher)
- Mdm Neo Qingxia Jennifer (Teacher)

6. The school bids farewell to the following staff. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for her dedicated service and wish her all the very best in her future endeavours:

- Mdm Teo Puay Boon Arlette (Senior Teacher/High Ability Learners)

7. We congratulate the following staff on their appointment to new positions:

- Mr Chen Jieming is redesignated as Head of Department/Innovation
- Mr Tan Zi Yang Andy is redesignated as Head of Department/Educational Technology
- Mdm Nur Shazielah Abdul Rahim is appointed as Subject Head/Student Well-being

Thanksgiving

8. We give praise and thanks to God for his divine guidance and continued blessings on ACS(J). Our 2025 Primary 6 cohort has been commendable in their pursuit of excellence, both in the academic and non-academic domains, demonstrating resilience in and commitment to their learning throughout the year.

9. We rejoice with the Class of 2025 for having done well and sustained the good performance of their seniors in 2024. 100% of our boys will progress to secondary school, with more than 90% qualifying for Posting Group 3. We thank God for His grace and give Him all glory for the strong foundation that has been laid and the wonderful friendships that our boys have forged at ACS(J).

School Hours 2026

10. School Arrival

Punctuality is about discipline and a mark of respect. As a school, we inculcate this habit of being punctual every morning so that our boys are better prepared for a day of learning in school. Please ensure that your child/ ward gets sufficient sleep every night and reaches school before 7.30am. Kindly factor in the time your child/ ward will need to walk from the drop-off point to the reporting venue so that he can **arrive for attendance-taking by 7.30am** every morning.

11. School Dismissal

Our school hours remain unchanged in 2026; school hours are from 7.30am to 1.30pm. To facilitate a smooth dismissal for all students at 1.30pm, the following arrangements are in place:

- Students who **take the school buses** will leave their classrooms at **1.25pm** to make their way to the school buses, which will leave the school **from 1.30pm**.
- Students who **leave the school on foot or by car** will leave their classrooms at **1.30pm**.
- **Primary 1 students** will be guided by their teachers and leave their classrooms earlier for the dismissal point at the school foyer. They will be **dismissed from the school foyer at 1.30pm**.
- For **parents/ guardians/ caregivers** picking up students
 - a. On foot from school foyer: Gate 3A will open at 1.30pm
 - b. By car at school foyer: Gate 1 will open at 1.40pm
 - c. By car at external lay-by: Cones will be removed at 1.40pm
- For **Student Care Centres (SCCs)**
 - a. ACS(J) school-based SCC: Students can report to the SCC at 1.30pm.

b. External SCCs: Students who are picked up by the SCCs will wait at the school foyer from 1.30pm.

Teachers and staff of the school will be stationed at key positions to familiarise both students and parents/ guardians/ caregivers with the arrangements in Term 1 Week 1.

12. Recess and Snack Break

The staggered recess and snack break times are as follows:

Level	Recess	Snack Break
Primary 1	9.00am to 9.30am	11.30am
Primary 2	9.30am to 10.00am	12.00pm
Primary 3	10.00am to 10.30am	12.30pm
Primary 4	10.00am to 10.30am	12.00pm
Primary 5 and 6	10.30am to 11.00am	8.30am

A 10-minute snack break is given to our boys daily during curriculum hours to sustain them until school dismissal. We seek your cooperation to pack only healthy snacks (dry food items or fruits) for your child/ ward and encourage him to take responsibility to clean up after eating. This includes his desk and its surrounding area.

Attire, Discipline, Safety, Security & Administrative Matters

13. Attire

All students will wear their formal **school uniform from Monday to Thursday**. The formal uniform comprises a white short-sleeved shirt (complete with name tag) and a pair of navy blue school shorts. This uniform is to be worn with white shoes and socks. If track shoes are worn, they should be predominantly white. On days designated for Physical Education (PE), students are to wear their tank tops under their white shirt or change into their PE attire for PE lessons.

Since 27 March 2024, in view of the hot weather, students are allowed to change into their PE attire after morning assembly from Monday to Thursday. They will wear their tank tops under their white shirt, which they can remove after assembly, and remain in their tank top and navy-blue school shorts for the rest of the day.

Students will wear their **corporate T-shirt on Friday**. The corporate T-shirt is to be worn with a pair of black corporate shorts or navy blue school shorts. CCA attire can only be worn during CCA sessions.

14. Discipline

Please be reminded that **no adult/ parent is to engage directly with any student on issues related to discipline and behaviour**. Any matters of concern are to be brought to the attention of our staff for review and resolution.

15. Attendance

The new Student Absence Notification feature on Parents Gateway (PG) will be made available to our school in January 2026. With this feature, you will be able to submit reasons for your child's/ ward's absence, and attach medical certificates and documents on the PG app. Parents/ Guardians can also be notified of their child's/ ward's absence in PG. For ease of transition and to familiarise staff and parents/ guardians with the feature, specific functions of the feature will be activated as follows:

Timeline	Feature(s) to be Activated
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Term 1 onwards	Parents/ Guardians submit the reasons for child's/ ward's absence and relevant supporting documents via PG.
Term 2 onwards	Parents/ Guardians will be notified of child's/ ward's absence via PG.

Please refer to the attached user guide and FAQ for more information.

16. Road Safety

Student safety is a priority of the school. The safety of students using roads leading to and from the school is the responsibility of all. We need motorists to play their part by slowing down as they approach the vicinity of the school, and parents to reinforce the importance of road safety with their children.

(a) Walking to School

Students who walk to school are to use the appropriate traffic lights and zebra crossings, and to enter the school via **Gates 3A, 3B or 3C**. They are not allowed to walk across the Parade Square as vehicles will be moving in and out of the school.

We educate our boys on the importance of staying vigilant while crossing the roads and raise their awareness of near miss incidents during assembly every term. We seek the support of parents/ guardians in reminding their children/ wards to cross only at designated traffic pedestrian crossings and to practise the kerb drill - looking out for oncoming traffic before they cross and raising their hands to increase visibility while using the pedestrian crossing.

(b) Driving to School

From **Thursday, 1 January 2026, 40 km/h speed limits** in Enhanced School Zones along Primary Schools will be implemented **on a full-day basis**, instead of only during peak school periods such as reporting and dismissal timings. We seek all drivers' cooperation to adhere to the speed limit along Winstedt Road.

During reporting and dismissal times, students who travel by car are to alight or be picked up at either the **external lay-by along Winstedt Road or the drop-off zone in the school compound** in front of the foyer. Our staff and security guards will be deployed to facilitate the flow of traffic and enforce road safety behaviour. Please cooperate with our school staff on duty.

To ensure a smooth flow of vehicles entering and exiting ACS(J) during reporting and dismissal times, please continue to ensure that your child's/ ward's bags are with him so that he can alight/ board quickly at the foyer and external lay-by. Please also encourage your child/ ward to alight on his own in the morning and to board the vehicle quickly during dismissal time. We seek the understanding of our parents/ guardians that some of our younger boys do need more support to alight from and board their vehicles, and we thank you in advance for your patience and graciousness as we give them more time to familiarise themselves with the routine at the start of the school year.

(c) Parking outside of School Premises

Please use the public carparks at Newton Food Centre or 10 Winstedt Road as parking is not available within the school premises during reporting and dismissal times for students. Please refrain from parking inside the estate at 50 Monk's Hill Road as it is reserved for residents only. Unauthorised vehicles will be towed away by the estate management. Motorists should also not park their vehicles along Monk's Hill Road, Winstedt Road and Clemenceau Avenue North as this will cause obstruction to the flow of traffic and inconvenience the residents nearby. LTA Enforcement Officers had been contacted by irate residents in the past and summons were issued.

17. School Security

For the safety of our boys, no student is allowed to leave the school premises after they have arrived in school and during their lunch break unless he is accompanied by his parent/guardian.

The school has a Security Pass System to monitor and manage the movement of visitors on our school premises. Parents/ Caregivers have to display their security passes at all times when they are in the school. To apply for the Security Pass, please obtain an application form from the General Office (GO). Each Security Pass application will only allow up to two family members/ caregivers to be registered.

Do note that the teaching blocks as well as the corridors linking them are strictly out of bounds to all visitors (including parents and caregivers). Visitors are to remain in the foyer when they drop off or pick up the students from school. Parents/ Caregivers will be allowed to enter the school and meet their children at the foyer at dismissal time.

18. Administration of Students' Items

As part of our efforts to strengthen the value of Responsibility in our boys, we kindly request that you refrain from bringing items such as CCA t-shirts, textbooks, worksheets, water bottles and lunch boxes for your child/ ward during curriculum hours. Our teachers are fully engaged in class and are unable to pick up and deliver these items.

For essential items like EZlink cards, keys, spectacles and medicine, you may approach our GO staff for assistance to contact your child/ ward to retrieve these items from the GO during recess or after school. We seek your support in cultivating a sense of responsibility in our young gentlemen. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

19. SMMs and Temperature Taking Exercise

Although Safe Management Measures (SMMs) in schools have been eased, we seek your support to continue to be socially responsible to reduce the risk of spread of diseases in school. Students who are unwell should not report to school.

All students must bring their Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) to school for temperature-taking when necessary and before they are admitted to the sick bay. Primary 1 students will be given the ODT by their Form Teachers prior to the first temperature-taking exercise. With effect from 2026, temperature-taking exercise will be conducted once a year. The first exercise will take place on **Wednesday, 1 April 2026**.

20. Student's Companion

The Student's Companion will be distributed to all students on **Friday, 2 January and Monday, 5 January 2026**. Your child/ ward is encouraged to write details of his homework in it. You may also wish to use it to communicate with your child's/ ward's teachers.

21. School Calendar

Please find the School Calendar for **Semester 1 2026** at the end of this letter. The information is also available on the School Website.

Orientation Programme (Primary 1 to 6)

22. Our boys will be engaged in a series of orientation activities that will take place over 3 days in the first week of school. The key learning experiences will focus on character building, class bonding and developing school spirit.

23. On the first day of school, students are to bring their **pencil case, colour pencils, a story book, the Character and Citizenship Education (Form Teacher Guidance Period)**

Journal, and a water bottle. No other school textbooks and activity books are required. The respective Form and Subject Teachers will advise students on when they should bring their books to school. Please ensure that your child's/ ward's personal belongings are clearly labelled. With effect from 2026, the report book should be kept at home and need not be returned to the school.

24. **Information for Parents of Primary 1 Students**

Details of the orientation programme for Primary 1 students on **Friday, 2 January 2026** are as follows:

Primary 1 (Friday, 2 January 2026)				
7.15am to 7.45am	<p><i>On Arrival</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents are allowed to come into the School Foyer with their Primary 1 child. Primary 1 students will be directed to their respective classrooms by teachers and student leaders. Parents will proceed to the Performing Arts Hall (PAH) for engagement with Principal and Key Personnel. 			
7.45am to 8.15am	<p><i>Parent Engagement Session with Principal & Form Teachers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal's Welcome Message Sharing by Year Head and Head of Department (CCE) <p><i>Assembly for Primary 1 Students</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary 1 Classrooms 			
8.15am to 9.00am	<p>1.1, 1.2, 1.9 Recess with Parents*</p>	1.3, 1.4, 1.5 Orientation Part 1 (P1 students)	1.6, 1.7, 1.8 Orientation Part 1 (P1 students)	
	<p>1.3, 1.4, 1.5 Parents' Panel^ (P1 parents)</p>	<p>1.6, 1.7, 1.8 Meet the Parents# (P1 parents)</p>		
9.00am to 9.45am	<p>1.1, 1.2, 1.9 Orientation Part 1 (P1 students)</p> <p>1.1, 1.2, 1.9 Meet the Parents# (P1 parents)</p>	<p>1.3, 1.4, 1.5 Recess with Parents*</p>	1.6, 1.7, 1.8 Orientation Part 2 (P1 students)	
	<p>1.6, 1.7, 1.8 Parents' Panel^ (P1 parents)</p>			
9.45am to 10.15am	<p>1.1, 1.2, 1.9 Orientation Part 2 (P1 students)</p> <p>1.1, 1.2, 1.9 Parents' Panel^ (P1 parents)</p>	1.3, 1.4, 1.5 Orientation Part 2 (P1 students)	<p>1.6, 1.7, 1.8 Recess with Parents*</p>	
	<p>1.3, 1.4, 1.5 Meet the Parents# (P1 parents)</p>			
<p><i>*Recess with Parents (Canteen) - staggered timings</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents are invited to have recess with their children Please give students the opportunity to buy their food on their own <p><i>#Meet the Parents (MTP) with P1 Form Teachers#</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents are to meet with the P1 Form Teachers <p><i>^Parents' Panel</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing by fellow parents on being a supportive ACS(J) parent 				
10.15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents are to leave the school when the Orientation Programme for Parents is over Primary 1 students will continue with the Orientation Programme in class 			
10.30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents whose children are registered at The Enablers II Student Care Centre (SCC) are to proceed to SCC for briefing at 10.30am 			
11.30am	<p><i>Snack Break</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will have their snack break in class. Parents are to prepare a healthy snack for their children to enjoy in class during snack break, in addition to what they would have for recess. 			

1.30pm	<p><i>Dismissal of Primary 1 Students</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leaving by School Bus ● Leaving on Foot ● Leaving by Car/ for SCC ● Parents will be allowed to enter the School Foyer after the school buses have left the school compound.
Primary 1 (Monday, 5 January 2026)	
<p><i>Continuation of Orientation Programme</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Primary 1 students will be guided to their respective classrooms from the School Foyer. ● Orientation programme will continue for all students. ● No parent/ guardian will be allowed to enter the school compound. 	

25. Information for Parents of Primary 2 to 6 Students

On the first day of school for **all Primary 2 to 6 students** on **Monday, 5 January 2026**, all students are to proceed to the foyer when they arrive in school. Staff and student leaders will be on-site to assist and direct the students to their classrooms.

Beginning of the Year Meet the Parents Sessions in January 2026

26. The school will be holding face-to-face meetings with parents/ guardians of **Primary 2 to 6 students** in January 2026. The objective of the MTP is to provide information pertaining to school, level programmes, teaching and learning, and communication channels. The schedule of the MTP Sessions for the various levels is as follows:

Level	Day/Date	Time
Primary 3 & 6	Thursday, 22 January	3.00pm to 4.30pm
Primary 2 & 4	Tuesday, 27 January	3.00pm to 4.30pm
Primary 5	Thursday, 29 January	3.00pm to 4.30pm

27. The Form Teachers will share on class-related matters during the MTP. If there are specific student-related concerns, please contact them after the session. More details will be sent to you via Parents Gateway (PG) nearer to the respective MTP sessions.

Co-Curricular Activity (CCA) Matters and Access Arrangements

28. CCA Registration 2026

CCAs are a key component of students' holistic education, providing platforms for them to discover their interests and talents whilst developing character, values, social-emotional competencies, and essential skills to prepare them for future challenges. At ACS(J), we offer a comprehensive range of CCAs across four groups: Clubs and Societies, Physical Sports, Uniformed Groups, and Visual and Performing Arts.

CCA registration for 2026 will commence in January, and we encourage all Primary 3 to 6 students to participate in one CCA. To help you and your child make an informed decision and better understand the school's CCA structure, there will be a CCA briefing session for parents of Primary 3 and Primary 4 to 6 (new students and ACSplore Sports CCA), conducted via Microsoft Teams. Please refer to the following for details. Please also note that students who are already in (1) developmental or training squads, (2) Uniformed Groups, Clubs and Societies or (3) Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) teams are not required to register as they will remain in their current CCA.

Details of the CCA briefing are as follows:

a. Primary 3 CCA Briefing

Target Audience	Parents/ Guardians of Primary 3 students
Date	Friday, 9 January 2026
Time	3pm to 4pm
Mode	Microsoft Teams
Meeting Details	Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 433 280 804 630 35 Passcode: LR2pQ6UK

b. Primary 4 to Primary 6 CCA Briefing 2026

Target Audience	Parents/ Guardians of Primary 4 to Primary 6 students who are (1) new to the school and (2) in an ACSplore Sports CCA currently
Date	Friday, 9 January 2026
Time	4.30pm to 5.30pm
Mode	Microsoft Teams
Meeting Details	Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 437 438 323 860 26 Passcode: Qw76vg6f

29. National School Games (NSG) Participation for Sports Not Offered as a School CCA

Students who wish to represent the school in the National School Games (NSG) for **sports not offered as a school CCA** (Golf, Gymnastics, Taekwondo, Track and Field, Swimming* and Wushu) may indicate their interest via FormSG, which will be disseminated through Parents Gateway in late January.

To be eligible for registration, students must be training under a certified coach/ club, have attained the required Handicap Index or belt grade, and have a parent or legal guardian who will serve as a Parent Chaperone. The Parent Chaperone is required to accompany their own child to and from the competition venue and be fully responsible for the child's safety and well-being throughout the duration of the competition. Please note that the school will not be able to deploy a staff member to replace parents or legal guardians who are unable to accompany their child, to minimise disruption to school operations arising from last-minute deployment of teachers.

In view of the registration quota imposed by the Singapore Primary Schools Sports Council (SPSSC), the school may conduct a selection exercise, either through official seeded results or an in-person selection trial, where applicable. Parents/ Guardians may refer to the NSG website (<https://nsq.moe.edu.sg/spssc>) for more details on the specific sports rules and regulations. Further details will be communicated via Parents Gateway in due course.

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30. Application for Access Arrangements (AAs)

[For Primary 4 to 6 students with learning or physical disabilities requesting access arrangements for internal examinations]

Students with new diagnoses may wish to apply for Access Arrangements (AAs), such as extra time, for their internal end-of-year examinations. AAs are granted as needed in consultation with the subject teachers, and through observations made during lessons and school-based assessments.

The closing dates for **new AA applications** are as follows:

Primary 4 and 5 End-of-Year Examinations	Monday, 31 August 2026
Primary 6 Preliminary Examinations and PSLE	Friday, 30 January 2026

Please contact Ms Lauren Ng (Senior SENO) at lauren_ng_miaw_shan@moe.edu.sg if you have any queries regarding AA.

As we look forward to a meaningful and exciting 2026, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a blessed and joyous New Year. Thank you for your continued partnership and heartfelt prayers for the school. We are grateful for your support as we work together to nurture and develop our boys to become the young ACSian gentlemen that they are called to be. May the year ahead be filled with reflection, personal growth, and a renewed sense of purpose for all of us in ACS(J).

To God Be The Glory. The Best Is Yet To Be!

Yours faithfully

Ms Cheryl Chee
Principal