



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

9 February 2026

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Meet-the-Parents (MTP) sessions for Primary 1 to Primary 6 in January. I hope that the sessions have provided you with a good overview of your child's/ ward's learning experiences for the year and reinforced the importance of a strong School-Home partnership that supports our boys' holistic development. Our heartfelt appreciation to the parents who stepped forward to share their personal experiences on the Primary 1 and Primary 5 Parents' Panels. Thank you for your candid sharing of how you journeyed with your children during their time in ACS(J).

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

1. The common theme across the ACS Family of Schools is “**ACS - A Beacon of Truth and Light**”. The theme verse, 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”, reminds us at ACS(J) that God has called each one of us to be His light in this world, reflecting His truth and love through our actions, behaviour and character.
2. We provide opportunities for our boys to live out the school theme by designing student learning experiences that encourage them to **Anchor, Collaborate** and **Shine** (ACS). Guided by three overarching questions to help our boys think about how they can start right and stay strong (Anchor), how they can use their gifts to play their part (Collaborate) and how they can work together to lead and serve others (Shine), it is our hope that through the course of the year, our boys will learn that they are never too young to be a beacon of truth and light for others.
3. We were particularly heartened by the brotherly love shown by our older boys to their juniors. In the first week of school, the older boys were actively involved in easing their juniors into the new school year. The Primary 4 student leaders engaged their Primary 1 juniors in games to welcome them while our Primary 4 boys served as buddies and supported them during recess. Our Primary 6 students engaged their Primary 3 schoolmates in games where they shared their personal experiences when transiting from Primary 2 to Primary 3. During the first ACSians Assemble of the year, Primary 6 student leaders also shared how students can demonstrate the ACSian values through school experiences and their daily lives. It was heartening to see the older boys actively supporting their juniors, demonstrating what it means to serve the school with purpose and passion. May we raise a generation of ACSian gentlemen who will be a blessing to the nation and the world.

Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) Learning Experiences

4. As part of providing experiential learning of CCE, our Primary 4 and Primary 6 boys started on different learning journeys in January. The Primary 4 students visited Kreta Ayer Heritage Gallery while the Primary 6 students visited the Asian Civilisations Museum. Through these experiences, the students developed a deeper understanding of the different

communities in Singapore and their cultures and how Singapore's cultural heritage has evolved over time, influenced by this diverse mix of cultures.

Total Defence Day (Friday, 13 February 2026)

5. The school will commemorate Total Defence Day (TDD) on **Friday, 13 February 2026**. The theme for Total Defence Day 2026 – “Together We Keep Singapore Strong” – highlights how every Singaporean has a role to play in protecting our nation and our shared way of life.
6. In the week of TDD, students will be engaged in an array of activities to learn how they can contribute to the six pillars of Total Defence. Through the Assembly Programme, CCE (FTGP) and recess activities, we hope that our young gentlemen will better understand their role in keeping Singapore strong.
7. This year's commemoration will place particular emphasis on Digital Defence, by guiding students to practise healthy and responsible digital habits. In conjunction with this, the school will also mark Safer Internet Day 2026, a global initiative that promotes the safe, respectful and responsible use of online technology. Through these aligned efforts, students will learn how making wise choices online supports their personal well-being and strengthens Singapore's resilience in the digital space.

Chinese New Year Celebration (Monday, 16 February 2026)

8. The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year (CNY) on **Monday, 16 February 2026**. In the lead up to CNY, in addition to decorating their classrooms, students can learn more about the festival and its traditional practices when they visit the library from Monday, 9 February. They can also look forward to singing CNY songs during their Music lessons and engaging in craftwork with our parent volunteers during their respective recesses on Wednesday, 11 February.
9. On the day of the celebration, students can report to school in their traditional costumes or school uniform. We **strongly encourage our boys to come in their existing festive attire** to add to the celebratory mood. The programme for the day includes a CNY concert, followed by differentiated class activities. Please note that students should bring along the following items:
 - stationery and coloured pencils for the class activities,
 - a storybook for silent reading and their water bottles.

The school will provide them with a snack at 10 am as there will not be recess for them on that day. **All students will be dismissed at 10.30 am.**

10. The school will be closed on Tuesday, 17 February and Wednesday, 18 February 2026. **School will resume on Thursday, 19 February 2026.**

Blessing Our Community (Monday, 16 February 2026)

11. At ACS(J), we believe in nurturing each boy to be an ACSian Servant Leader who works with others to make a positive difference. This year, we hope that our boys contribute to the community and be a blessing to others through the Methodist Welfare Services (MWS) Lunar New Year Hong Bao (Red Packet) Donation Drive 2026.
12. MWS serves over 22,000 people, including families, those who are very ill, lonely or homeless, as well as children and youth who need help and support. The MWS Hong Bao Donation Drive, held annually in conjunction with the Lunar New Year celebrations, seeks

to raise funds to support the work of MWS. As a family, we hope you will consider blessing these individuals and families by contributing to this worthy cause.

13. The school will be sending out a specially designed red packet for this donation drive on **Monday, 16 February 2026**. Kindly place your donations in the red packet and seal it up. The school will collect these sealed red packets from your child/ ward on **Tuesday, 3 March 2026** and pass them onwards to MWS. Your donations will be used meaningfully to build stronger families and stronger communities.


140th Founder’s Day Academic Awards Presentation (Thursday, 26 February 2026)



14. Our 140th Founder's Day Academic Awards Presentation will take place on **Thursday, 26 February 2026**, from 10 am to 11 am. **Only prize recipients are to be present for the event** and will be informed of the details separately.

Affirmation of ACS(J) Teachers

15. The Inspiring Teacher of English Award, the Arif Budiman Malay Language Teacher Award and the Most Inspiring Tamil Teachers’ Award acknowledge and affirm teachers who have been instrumental in igniting a love for the languages and are effective in helping their students communicate better. In the process of engaging their students, they have used innovative and engaging pedagogical approaches that considered their learners’ readiness, interests and learning profiles. These teachers also demonstrate a keen interest in students’ well-being and inspire students to be self-directed and engaged learners.

If you know of such a teacher in ACS(J) and would like to nominate him/her for the following award(s), please follow the instructions accordingly.

Award	Organiser	Details of nomination	Closing Date
Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2026	The Speak Good English Movement and The Straits Times with the support of the Ministry of Education	<p>Download nomination forms through this link:</p> <p>https://www.languagecouncils.sg/goodenglish/inspiring-teacher-of-english-award/nomination-information</p>  <p>https://go.gov.sg/mdcrmk</p> <p>Email completed form to Ms Ng Xinyi at ng_xinyi@schools.gov.sg</p> <p>For more information, please email SGEM at</p>	6pm, Monday, 23 March 2026

		nhb_speakgoodenglishmovement@nhb.gov.sg	
Arif Budiman Malay Language Teacher Award 2026	Malay Language Council, Singapore, Malay Language Teachers Association, Berita Harian and the Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee	Nominations can be made at: https://go.gov.sg/agab-2026  https://go.gov.sg/t6owte	5pm, Friday, 13 March 2026
Most Inspiring Tamil Teachers' Award 2026	Tamil Murasu, Tamil Language Learning and Promotion Committee (TLLPC) and the Singapore Tamil Teachers' Union	Nominations can be made at: https://go.gov.sg/mitt2026nominations  https://go.gov.sg/djqw6	5pm, Friday, 13 March 2026

School Security

16. For the safety of our boys, please note that the teaching blocks as well as the corridors linking them are strictly out of bounds to all visitors (including parents and caregivers) at all times. Visitors are to remain in the foyer when they drop off or pick up students from the school. Parents/ Guardians will be allowed to enter the school and meet their children/wards only at the foyer at dismissal time.

Road Safety and Consideration for Others

17. Driving to School

Thank you, parents and guardians, for observing road safety and traffic rules when sending your child/ ward to and from school. Generally, we have observed a smooth flow of vehicles entering and exiting ACS(J) in the morning and at dismissal time these past weeks. Please continue to ensure that your child's/ ward's bags are with him so that he can alight quickly at the foyer and external lay-by. Please also encourage your child/ ward to alight on his own in the morning, if he is able to, and to board the vehicle quickly during dismissal time as a consideration for others in the queue. 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.

20. Parking Outside School Premises

Additionally, it has been observed that cars are often parked along Winstedt Road while waiting to pick up students before the school gates open at 1.40 pm for dismissal. This obstructs traffic flow, extending to Bukit Timah Road, and inconveniences other road users. The school has also received feedback that some motorists do not adhere to the proper use of the Yellow Box along Winstedt Road, further disrupting traffic. We kindly seek the cooperation of all parents/ guardians in setting a good example for our boys by following traffic rules and being considerate of other road users.

21. Road Safety

We also 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.

ACS echo Publication

22. The ACS *echo* connects the ACS family of schools as One ACS. We are pleased to inform you that the February – March 2026 issue of ACS *echo* is now available online at <https://acsecho.com>

We look forward to working closely with you and ask for your continued prayers and steadfast support for ACS (Junior).

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

Yours faithfully

Ms Cheryl Chee
Principal