



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

25 March 2025

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Greetings from ACS(J).

We are grateful for the strong support of our parent volunteers in many of our school activities in Term 1 and extend our appreciation to our Parents' and Fathers' Prayer Groups for faithfully keeping the school, staff and students in prayer. We give thanks for God's blessings and protection over ACS(J) and continue to seek His divine guidance and wisdom as we strive to provide an enriching educational experience for all our boys.

Soaring in Unity (Romans 12:4-5)

1. **139th Founder's Day**

Our school celebrated our 139th Founder's Day on 28 Feb (Fri) with a Thanksgiving Service and Academic Award Presentation. The Guest-of-Honour for the occasion was Mr Peter Tan, Distinguished Old Boy and former principal of ACS (Junior) and ACS (Barker Road). The celebration was made even more meaningful with the presence of our retired teachers, who thoroughly enjoyed reconnecting with their former colleagues and reminiscing about their time in ACS.

Leading up to Founder's Day, our boys were given the opportunity to reflect on the school theme, **Soaring in Unity**. On 27 Feb (Thu), following the sharing by our guest speaker, Reverend Anthony Lee (Class of 1993), at our Internal Founder's Day celebration, our Primary 1 boys were introduced to our school's rich heritage and long history as our Primary 6 Social Studies Captains guided them on the ACSian Heritage Trail around the school. The school theme was brought to life as students across the other levels delved into the acts of goodness demonstrated by Bishop William Fitzjames Oldham and our pioneers, and reflected on the shared values and history that unite the ACS community. We pray that our young ACSians will uphold the values of kindness and service, make a lasting impact in ACS and the wider community, and leave behind a legacy for future generations of ACSians,

2. In Term 2, we will continue to reinforce our school theme for 2025 - **Soaring in Unity** - and inspire our boys to **Chart the Course, Ready the Crew, and Ascend the Skies**. We begin the term by highlighting how **integrity** guides them to stay true to their values and chart a steady course towards personal growth. They will also learn to demonstrate **collaboration** as they work together and appreciate each other's unique strengths. Lastly, we hope that they will grow in **love** for others as they develop empathy and kindness, strengthening the bonds that unite them as a crew. We look forward to partnering with you to nurture these values in our boys, ensuring they soar to greater heights both in school and at home.

SG60 - Building our Singapore Together

3. Together with schools around Singapore, we will commemorate our nation's 60th year of independence with the SG60 theme, "Building Our Singapore Together". Through the specially curated student experiences, our boys will reflect on **where we have been, where we want to be** and **what we can do** as a nation.
4. At ACS(J), we are enriching our students' reflections on these themes through a deeper appreciation of the National Anthem and National Pledge. In Term 1, we explored the meaning behind the National Anthem and were inspired to sing it with pride. In Term 2, our boys will learn the National Pledge in Tamil and be guided to understand its significance. We look forward to culminating this learning journey in Semester 2, where students will recite the National Pledge in all four official languages, reaffirming their commitment to unity and a shared future for Singapore.

MethodistWalk 2025 (Saturday, 29 March 2025)

5. Our Primary 4 boys will be participating in the biennial MethodistWalk 2025, organised by the Methodist Schools' Foundation (MSF). Traditionally held on the last Saturday in March, this year's walk will be held at Anglo-Chinese Junior College from 7.30am to 10.30am. The Minister for Education, Mr Chan Chun Sing, will be the Guest-of-Honour.
6. ACS(J) aims to raise \$250,000 through MethodistWalk 2025. We thank you for your generous support and contribution to our boys' well-being and learning at ACS(J). Donors who are still interested to support us can donate through **our school's campaign page at [Giving.sg](#) till 31 Mar (Mon)**.

Hari Raya Puasa (Monday, 31 March 2025)

7. This year, Hari Raya Puasa falls on 31 Mar (Mon). On 24 Mar (Mon), our Malay Language Teachers conducted a sharing on this festival for all students. During recess, our boys also took part in various activities to learn more about this festival. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Muslim staff and students and their families *Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri*.

ACS (Independent)'s Outreach to Primary 6 Students

8. ACS(I) will be having an engagement session with our Primary 6 boys on 1 Apr (Tue) to share with them the ACS(I) experience and address any queries that our boys may have. The engagement session will be held at ACS(J) during the Form Teacher Guidance Period.
9. To support all Primary 6 students in making an informed choice on ACS(I)'s Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate Programme or Integrated Programme tracks, ACS(I) will be holding an Open House on 12 Apr (Sat), from 8.30am to 12.30pm. Parents/Guardians and students can look forward to a comprehensive tour of the school campus and detailed information on its academic programmes, co-curricular activities, and student services at the Open House.

Primary 5 Camp (Wednesday, 9 April to Friday, 11 April)

10. The Primary 5 Camp will take place from 9 Apr (Wed) to 11 Apr (Fri) at the Sarimbun Scout Camp. All Primary 5 students are to **report to the school as usual at 7.30am on 9 Apr (Wed)**. They will be **dismissed from school on 11 Apr (Fri) at the usual staggered dismissal timings, beginning from 1.30pm**.
11. The 3-Day 2-Night outdoor adventure learning cohort camp is the culminating event for all Primary 5 students as part of the Outdoor Education Learning Area in the Physical Education Syllabus. The camp seeks to provide students with opportunities to synthesise, apply and make responsible and safe decisions based on basic outdoor competencies they have learnt through authentic situations and tasks set in the outdoors. In addition, the camp strives to develop in the students a lively curiosity about the outdoors, foster camaraderie among them and develop resilience through common challenging outdoor experiences.
12. To provide more details about the camp, **a webinar for parents/guardians will be conducted on 3 Apr (Thu)**. More information will be shared via Parents Gateway (PG) nearer the date. We seek your understanding that **parents/guardians are not allowed at the campsite**. Should you have further queries regarding the Primary 5 Camp, please contact your son's/ward's form teachers or the Camp Commandant, Mr Teo Zhihao, at teo_zhihao@moe.edu.sg.

International Friendship Day (Tuesday, 15 April 2025)

13. International Friendship Day (IFD) is a day dedicated to the understanding of Singapore's relations with neighbouring countries and beyond. Through this year's IFD theme, "Singapore: Forging Friendships in a Complex World", our students will gain a deeper appreciation of different cultures and perspectives, to be better equipped to contribute to a cohesive and globally connected society.
14. During the IFD assembly and Character and Citizenship Education (Form Teacher Guidance Period) lessons on 15 Apr (Tue), our students will reflect on their roles in promoting the spirit of friendship and collaboration amongst different people. On 17 Apr (Thu), they will have the opportunity to participate in interactive activities during recess, immersing themselves in the vibrant culture of the Southeast Asian region.

Affirmation of ACS(J) Teachers

15. The 28th Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Awards 2025 aims to give due recognition to deserving Chinese language teachers who have shown exemplary efforts towards the teaching of Chinese language and culture in the past year. The award also affirms the efforts of teachers who have successfully inculcated in their students an appreciation for Chinese language and culture through creative and engaging teaching methods and/or learning activities with their students.

If you know of such a teacher in ACS(J), you can nominate him/her for this award online.

Award	Organiser	Details of nomination	Closing Date
28 th Distinguished Chinese	Lianhe Zaobao	Nominations can be made online at https://zb.sg/dclta2025	Sunday, 11 May 2025

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Road Safety and Traffic Matters

- 16. We thank parents and guardians for observing road safety and traffic rules when sending your child/ward to and from school since school started in January. As we begin Term 2, kindly refer to the **attached Joint Advisory Notice** for pertinent points related to traffic matters so that we can all play our part in making the roads around our school safe for all road users.
- 17. 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. Please also reiterate the importance of having their seat belts on at all times while travelling in vehicles.

Installation of Solar Panels

- 18. ACS(J) will be stepping up its efforts to reduce carbon emissions through the installation of solar panels on the roof tops of our campus. The installation works will take place from April to September 2025. As we enhance the infrastructure of our school with environmentally friendly features, please be assured that the safety of our students and staff during the installation period remains a paramount concern. All efforts have been made to ensure that the works do not compromise the safety and teaching and learning experiences of our students and staff.

ACS echo Publication

- 19. The ACS *echo* connects the ACS family of schools as One ACS. We are pleased to inform you that the February - March 2025 issue of ACS *echo* is now available online at <https://acsecho.com>

May the upcoming term be filled with goodness, growth and abundant blessings for all. To God Be The Glory, The Best Is Yet To Be!

Yours faithfully

Miss Cheryl Chee
Principal