



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

25 March 2026

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Greetings from ACS(J).

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all parents for your strong partnership in supporting the holistic development of our boys. We are especially grateful to our parent volunteers for their time and contributions to our school activities in Term 1, and to our Parents' and Fathers' Prayer Groups for faithfully upholding the school, staff and students in prayer. Your steady support means a great deal to our school community.

As we give thanks for God's continued blessings and protection over ACS(J), we seek His divine guidance and wisdom in providing the most enriching educational experience possible for all our boys.

ACS – A Beacon of Truth and Light (Matthew 5:16)

1. **140th Founder's Day**

2026 is a special year for the ACS Family as we celebrate our 140th Anniversary and commemorate the founding of The Anglo-Chinese School on 1 March 1886 by Bishop William Fitzjames Oldham in a shophouse at 70 Amoy Street. Several events were organised in February to allow students to experience and reflect upon the spirit and heritage of ACS, celebrating a legacy that continues to shape generations of ACSians.

2. On **Friday, 20 February 2026**, Primary 6 Social Studies Captains guided Primary 1 students along the ACSian Heritage Trail, sharing stories of the school's beginnings and the values that continue to guide the ACS community today. As part of our refreshed ACSian Knights narrative, the school held a Welcome Ceremony for the Primary 1 students on **Monday, 23 February 2026**, where the youngest members of the school were formally inducted as Young Squires of ACS(J) and officially embark on their journey of equipping themselves with skills and tools to grow as men of character who live out ACSian values.

3. On **Thursday, 26 February 2026**, the school began the day with the annual Academic Awards Presentation, where students were recognised for their academic achievements whilst teachers received Long Service Awards in appreciation of their years of commitment. Our school then joined the ACS Family of Schools at the National Stadium in the afternoon for the 140th Founder's Day Service. Approximately 12,000 students, staff, alumni, friends and guests gathered to give thanks to God for His blessings over the school for the past 140 years. The Guest-of-Honour was Mr Ng Eng Hen, former Minister for Defence and a Distinguished Old Boy.

4. The service at the National Stadium was a tremendous experience for the students, blessing them with the knowledge that they belong to something much larger than their daily community at ACS(J). It was a mammoth task bringing the boys to the National Stadium and back – a task made possible only with the combined efforts of all our teachers, staff and parent volunteers. A big thank you to everyone who made the day a memorable one for all!
5. In Term 2, we will continue to reinforce the school theme for 2026, “**ACS – A Beacon of Truth and Light**”, guiding our boys to **Anchor, Collaborate** and **Serve**. Through nurturing a spirit of **Excellence** in the boys and guiding them on how they can **Collaborate** by contributing their gifts to be a blessing to those around them, we hope that our boys today learn to contribute their own gifts for the betterment of their peers and the community around them, writing yet another chapter of the ACS story of being a “**Beacon of Truth and Light**”.

Hari Raya Puasa (Saturday, 21 March 2026)

6. This year, Hari Raya Puasa falls on **Saturday, 21 March 2026**. On Friday, 13 March 2026, 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*.

Attendance and Temperature Taking Exercise [ATTEEx] (Wednesday, 1 April 2026)

7. The ATTEEx aims to maintain schools' preparedness to re-activate the attendance and temperature-taking regime should the need arise and educate students on the importance of personal and social responsibility. ACS(J) will conduct the ATTEEx on **Wednesday, 1 April 2026**. **All students are reminded to bring a working thermometer to school on that day.**

ACS (Independent)'s Outreach to Primary 6 Students (Tuesday, 7 April 2026)

8. ACS(I) will be having an engagement session with our Primary 6 boys on **Tuesday, 7 April 2026** 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 **Saturday, 11 April 2026**, 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.

International Friendship Day (Friday, 10 April 2026)

10. 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.

11. During Character and Citizenship Education (Form Teacher Guidance Period) lessons and the IFD assembly on **Friday, 10 April 2026**, our students will reflect on their roles in promoting the spirit of friendship and collaboration amongst different people. They will also have the opportunity to participate in interactive activities during recess, immersing themselves in the vibrant culture of the Southeast Asian region.


Primary 6 National Education Quiz (20 April – 8 May 2026)

12. Every year, all Primary 6 students are required to complete the National Education Quiz. The quiz takes the form of an interactive game and focuses on our students' acquisition of basic knowledge of Singapore along the four themes of Our Heritage, Our Way of Life, Our Shared Beliefs and Our Future. It will be conducted during Social Studies lessons. A make-up session will be arranged for students who are absent on the day of the quiz.

Affirmation of ACS(J) Teachers

13. The 29th Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Awards 2026 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
29 th Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Awards 2026	Lianhe Zaobao and ZBSchools	Nominations can be made online at https://contest.sph.com.sg/campaigns/dclta 	Thursday, 30 April 2026

Students' Well-Being during Warm Weather

14. As the school takes steps to ensure students' well-being as the weather turns warmer in the days ahead, we seek your support by reminding your child/ ward to hydrate himself regularly throughout the day, especially before, during and after physical activities. Additionally, encourage your child/ ward to alert teachers whenever he feels unwell. The

school will continue to allow students to change into their PE attire after morning assembly from Mondays to Thursdays. 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. On Fridays, students will wear their corporate T-shirts with a pair of black corporate shorts or navy-blue school shorts.

Road Safety and Traffic Matters

15. We thank parents and guardians for observing road safety and traffic rules when sending your child/ward to and from school since the start of the school year in January. Let us continue to play our part in making the roads around our school safe for all road users.
16. 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.

May we all continue to experience God's blessings and goodness in the term ahead.

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

Yours faithfully

Miss Cheryl Chee
Principal