

13 May 2025

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Greetings from ACS(J). As we bring the term to a close and celebrate our boys' progress in Semester 1, we encourage all parents/ guardians to make use of the June holidays to engage your sons/ wards in meaningful activities and to allow them time and space to pursue their interests and hobbies. May you and your family enjoy a wonderful time of bonding over the month-long break.

Soaring in Unity (Romans 12:4-5)

In line with our school theme focus in Term 2 to "Ready the Crew", we thank the Lord for shaping our boys and giving them opportunities to express their talents and creativity through the following platforms.

1. Learning Journeys

In Semester 1, various classes embarked on different learning journeys to enrich our boys' understanding of the world beyond their classrooms and nurture bonds of camaraderie. The Primary 5 students went on a Puzzle Hunt at Marina Bay as part of the school's Applied Learning Programme while Primary 6 students visited the Asian Civilisations Museum. Primary 1 students went on a walking adventure around our neighbourhood in Newton, practising road safety rules and exploring significant landmarks such as the Cairnhill Community Club and our former campus at Peck Hay Road.

2. ACS(J) English Week

ACS(J) celebrated English Week from Monday, 21 April to Friday, 25 April 2025, with the theme "Our Everyday Superheroes". Aimed at growing the joy of learning English among our boys, classroom lessons were thoughtfully designed to build key English Language skills through authentic learning experiences. Through various reading, writing, and speaking activities, our boys reflected deeply on who the everyday heroes in their lives were and the impact these heroes had made. We would like to thank all parent volunteers for their enthusiastic support in conducting the week's engaging recess activities.

3. ACS(J) Book Character Day

The ACS(J) Book Character Day took place on Friday, 25 April 2025. Held in conjunction with ACS(J) English Week, our boys and teachers dressed up as Everyday Superheroes to honour the people in our lives who make a difference through their meaningful actions. From nurses and firefighters to grandparents, teachers and essential workers in our

community, the costumes reflected heartfelt appreciation for the real heroes around us and celebrated our boys' creativity as they brought the week's theme to life in a vibrant and memorable way.

4. Recognising our Young Talents

(a) Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Achievements

We give thanks for and congratulate our boys on their participation and achievements in CCA. Through CCA, our boys learn important life skills, such as resilience, perseverance, and sportsmanship, which they are able to apply in all aspects of their lives. We would like to thank all teachers, coaches/ instructors and parents/ guardians for supporting our boys in their CCA journey.

National School Games

No	Sports/Games	Senior Division
1	Badminton	League 1 (5 th -8 th Position)
2	Bowling	Ongoing
3	Football	League 1 (Participation)
4	Rugby	Ongoing
5	Sailing	Optimist Junior Boys (White Fleet) 3 rd & 7 th
5		Optimist Junior Boys (Green Fleet) 4 th & 8 th
6	Swimming	Division Champion (Senior 1)
7	Table Tennis	League 1 (Participation)
8	Tennis	Division 2 nd (Senior)
9	Basketball	League 6 (5 th -8 th Position)
10	Hockey	Ongoing

Uniformed Groups - The Boys' Brigade

No	Name of Student/ Competition	Class/ Company	Achievement
1	Adventure Quest 2025	12J	Bronze Honour Roll
2	Christopher Ng Rong En	6.3	Best Boy Award 2025

Clubs & Societies – Chess Club

Open U8 (Total: 170 participants)				
Name	Class	Nationals	South Zone	
Jin Yi	2.8	2 nd	1 st	
Tang Yiming Lucas	1.4	8 th	3 rd	
Open U10 (Total: 422 participants)				
Name	Class	Nationals	South Zone	
Enoch Ng Yang En	4.3	13 th	4 th	
Open U12 (Total: 511 participants)				
Name	Class	Nationals	South Zone	
Lin Yi Christopher	5.1	6 th	3 rd	
Lee Jia Wen Elian	5.1	8 th	4 th	
Yang Jialu	6.3	28 th	7 th	

(b) Our Mathematicians

The Raffles Institution Primary Mathematics World Contest (RIPMWC) and Asia Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (APMOPS) are annual competitions aimed at generating greater interest and enthusiasm in Mathematics among students in primary schools. We would like to congratulate our boys on their achievements.

Raffles Mathematical Olympiad (RMO) 2025

No	Award	Number of winners
1	Junior Category – Merit	1
2	Open Category – Distinction	3
3	Open Category – Merit	7

Asia-Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools 2025

ſ	No	Award	Number of winners
Ī	1	Silver	1
Ī	2	Bronze	10

Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC)

- 5. The Mid-Year Meet-the-Parents (MTP) session will take place on-site on Thursday, 29 May 2025 and Friday, 30 May 2025. The MTP session will take the form of a Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC) for all levels. Each student will share his experiences in school during the session. Your son must be present with you at the session. All students will not report to school on the two days stated except during their selected PCTC timeslot. There will be online (Singapore Student Learning Space)/ offline assignments for them to complete in their own time at home.
- 6. Form Teachers would have provided you with the details, including the booking of the PCTC sessions via Parents Gateway on Tuesday, 15 April 2025. We seek your understanding that there is no make-up session if you are unable to attend the PCTC sessions on these two designated days. We strongly encourage all parents who are unable to attend the session to find an opportunity for your son to share his learning experiences with you at home.

Primary 5 National Education (NE) Show 2025 (Saturday, 5 July 2025)

7. Every year since 1997, the NE Show is organised to give the Primary 5 students an opportunity to observe the National Day Parade (NDP) full-dress rehearsal. This year, our Primary 5 boys will attend the NE Show on **Saturday**, **5 July 2025**. More information on the NE Show will be sent to all Primary 5 parents via Parents Gateway before the end of May.

Cyber Wellness

8. With our boys likely to experience more screen time during the school holidays, the likelihood of them being exposed to cyber misconduct, such as cyberbullying, also increases. We seek your partnership to teach our boys to be safe and responsible digital learners, and help them build kind and positive online habits. Let us also role model

appropriate upstander behaviours for our children and encourage them to consider how their actions might affect relationships, others' feelings and the community, both online and offline.

CCA Matters

9. As the Co-Curricular Activity (CCA) calendar draws to a close this semester with the conclusion of the National School Games for Senior Boys, please note that all Primary 6 students will stand down from their CCAs with effect from Term 3. Your children's participation in CCA has contributed to their holistic development, and we appreciate your strong support and involvement.

Travel Declaration for Mid-Year School Holiday

- 10. To ensure that schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward if he will be travelling for the holidays.
- 11. To make a travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS]. Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, **by Friday, 30 May 2025** (the last day of the term). Only one parent is required to make the declaration.
- 12. If your child/ward is not travelling during the holidays, no action is required.
- 13. When planning your travel, please refer to https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart for more information and updates. If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration via PG or inform the school if the travel plan(s) are cancelled.
- 14. Thank you for your partnership and support to keep our school safe.

ACS Old Boys' Association (OBA) News

- 15. The ACS *echo* connects the ACS family of schools as One ACS. We are pleased to inform you that the May June 2025 issue is now available online at https://acsecho.com
- 16. Save the Date for the ONE ACS Career Forum on **Saturday**, **26 July 2025**! Join over 1000 ACSians for the One ACS Career Forum taking place at ACS (Independent) and come unlock the secrets to a career. Engage your seniors in various careers as they share about their career journeys and demystify industries. Sign-ups will be released in late June.

School Calendar for Semester 2 (2025)

17. The finalised school calendar for Semester 2 will be published through Parents Gateway by Friday, 6 June 2025.

I wish you and all our boys a blessed semester break.

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

Yours faithfully

Miss Cheryl Chee Principal