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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we come to the close of another school year, I would like to thank you for your continued trust and partnership in supporting our students' learning and growth. It has been a meaningful year for our school community, marked by many opportunities for our students to learn, grow and make a difference.

Guided by our theme, “Be the Impact at School, Home, Community and Beyond”, we have continued to encourage our students to recognise that each of them can make a positive difference, regardless of how young they are. We are heartened by their achievements and contributions across different areas. Among the year's highlights were our students' Gold Award in the Singapore MOO-O Chinese competition, an Honourable Mention in the Our Schools, Our Stories photography competition, and the selection of Stars of Friendship for MOE's SYF Youth Station YouTube channel. Beyond these achievements, we are equally proud of the everyday acts of kindness, responsibility and leadership demonstrated by our students in school and through their contributions to the community. These remind us that making an impact is not only about achieving excellence, but also about using our strengths to make a difference in the lives of others.

Looking Ahead: Our Refreshed Student Vision Outcomes

This year, we also undertook an important review of our Student Vision Outcomes to sharpen our shared aspirations for every child. We are pleased to introduce our three refreshed outcomes:

Confident Learners – Students who take ownership of their learning, persevere through challenges and develop the confidence to learn and grow.

Courageous Leaders – Students who act with integrity, make responsible choices and have the courage to do what is right and lead by example.

Caring Contributors – Students who show love and respect, care for others and take action to make a positive difference.

These outcomes reflect our belief that education goes beyond academic achievement. In a rapidly changing world, we want our children to develop the confidence to learn independently, the courage to make sound decisions and the heart to contribute meaningfully to others. In 2027, we will progressively translate these aspirations into everyday learning experiences, student leadership opportunities and school practices, so that every child can grow in confidence, exercise greater agency and recognise the impact of his or her choices and actions. We look forward to partnering you in nurturing these qualities at home and in school.

With Gratitude to Our Staff

As we close the year, we also bid a fond farewell to several colleagues who will be moving on to new appointments or retiring from service. Our Vice-Principal (Admin), Ms Tay Yam Eng, together with Mdm Tan Ai Choo and Ms Lam Lai Ngor , will be retiring after many years of dedicated service in education. We are deeply grateful for their steadfast commitment, the care they have shown to our students and staff, and the many ways they have contributed to our school family.

We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to Mr Edwin Tan, HOD EL; Ms Mindy Ng, HOD CCE; and Mdm Pearly Tan, SSD, who will be moving on to new schools. We thank them for their leadership, dedication and the many ways they have contributed to the growth of our students and staff.

Our appreciation also goes to Mr Jaden Chow and Ms Nurul Irdina, who will be embarking on new chapters in their professional journeys. Each of these colleagues has contributed in meaningful ways to our school community, and we will certainly miss them. We thank them for the care, commitment and contributions they have brought to FTPPS, and wish them every success and fulfilment in their future endeavours.

To Our Graduating Primary 6 Students

To our Primary 6 students, congratulations on completing an important chapter of your primary school journey! You have made us proud, not only through your achievements, but also through the growth, resilience and friendships you have developed over the years.

I hope you will remember the story of Torpedo, our little fish who began life small and timid, but grew steadily with care, patience and time. His story reminds us that growth does not always happen in big or dramatic ways. What matters is that we continue to grow with confidence, care and purpose.

As you move on to your secondary schools, carry with you the values you have learnt at First Toa Payoh Primary School. Be confident in who you are, courageous in doing what is right, and caring towards those around you. Stay connected with us, and wherever your journey takes you, continue to Be the Impact. You will always be part of our FTPPS family.

A Meaningful Holiday and a New Beginning

To all our students, I encourage you to make good use of the coming holidays. Spend time with your loved ones, explore your interests, read widely, try something new and take responsibility for your own learning. Learning does not end when the school term ends, and every experience offers an opportunity to discover, grow and become a better version of ourselves.

May you enjoy a restful and meaningful holiday, and return in 2027 refreshed, re-energised and ready to embrace new opportunities and challenges.

Thank you once again, dear parents, for walking alongside us in nurturing our children. We look forward to another purposeful year of learning, growing and making an impact together.

Finally, our heartfelt thanks to all parents and guardians for your trust, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. Your support has made a real difference to our students' growth and success.

Wishing everyone a safe, restful and joyful December holiday.

1. Achievement, Affirmation and Appreciation

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following students for their outstanding achievement:

Name of Student	Award / Recognition
Saravanan Kumaran	Bharathiyar Vizha Literary Competitions 2026 - 2nd position (New Aathichudi Recitation)
Al Aaqilah Binte Sarthar Ahmad	Bharathiyar Vizha Literary Competitions 2026 - Motivational Award (Bharathiyar Song Recitation)
Cholarajan Archana Muhammad Aaqil Bin Sarthar Ahmad	Bharathiyar Vizha Literary Competitions 2026 - Motivational Award (Bharathiyar Song Recitation)
Saravanan Kumaran	Pynn Tamil Vizha 2026 - 1st prize (Tamil Story Telling Competition)
Gaayathri Ravichandran Prajannth Nelsondurai Henry Elijah Sri Sai Deeksha Devendran Remesh Aditi	Pynn Tamil Vizha 2026 - 2nd prize (Tamil Drama Competition)
Cholarajan Archana	Pynn Tamil Vizha 2026 - Consolation prize (Tamil Story Telling Competition)

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following staff for their outstanding achievements:

MOE Service Excellence Award 2026

Award Category	Awardees
Gold & Platinum	Joel Prathiev Vinson
Gold	Abdul Azeez Noorunisa
	Aw Yong Bi Zhu
	Eng Yan Chen, Alvyn
	Glenice Goh Shih Hui
	Ho Joo Hui, Effie
	Juliana Bte Ariffin
	Lee Chung Fang
	Lee Jo-Anne
	Lim Ming Yuek Shirley
	Ong Chong Tiang
	Sim Yeow Seng Ivan
	Tan Tian Rong
	Whey Ai Ling Rina
	Wong Lucy
	Noor Yasmeen Bensmeer Binti Abdul Rahman (MKE)
	Nurul'Ain Farhanah Binte Abdul Halim (MKE)

Silver	Beatriz Fernandez
	Goh Jia Xuan
	Han Xiaoni
	Jainah Binte Basir
	K Ananthavalli
	Lai Chih Wei
	Muhammad Huzaifah Bin Haris
	Nelly
	Niow Jia Ying Victoria
	Sasidharan S/O Velu
	Soh-Tan Li Li
	Tan Lee Kiang May
	Yeo Siek Kar, Eric
	Ashwini Prasad Pillai (MKE)

2. Citizenship and Character Education

For November, the 'Value of the Month' is **Love**. Our foci are as follows:

Habit 7: Sharpen The Saw: I take time to find meaningful ways to help people.

Habit 7: Sharpen The Saw: I spend time with family and friends.

Through VIA and Gift of Love, students take part in real-world experiences that help them grow social-emotional skills, becoming caring citizens and active contributors. Learning experiences for VIA and Gift of Love are designed in the following ways:

Everyday responsibilities	Activities/Projects
• Let's Clean Up! – Sparkling Classroom and Sparkling Canteen • Termly recycling drives	• Home Helper Programme • Friend of Singa project • Project Buddy Clean • Working with community partners and organisations to support their needs • Gift of Love to SBS Transit staff • Gift of Love to Community Chest through Children's Day Appeal

Please refer to Annex A-1 for pictures on VIA and Gift of Love.

3. Admin Day – Tue, 10 November 2026

The school has scheduled Tuesday, 10 November 2026 to be an Administrative Day for teachers to process students' results. Please be informed that all students need not report to school on that day. The Student Care Centre will operate full day from 7.30am to 7.00pm on that day.

4. Termly Recycling Drives – Friday, 6 November 2026

As part of the school's ongoing efforts to nurture our students as environmentally responsible individuals, we will be holding our final Recycling Drive of the year in Week 8. This initiative supports our commitment to building a brighter and more sustainable, zero-waste future.

We would like to invite our students to bring the following items for recycling:

1. Plastic bottle caps and plastic bottles (500–1000 ml)
   Please rinse and dry them and separate the bottle caps from the bottles.
2. Paper / newspapers
   Ensure these are dry.
3. Metal cans
   Rinse and clean them. Please ensure there are no sweet drinks inside.
4. Electronic waste (e-waste)
   Items such as laptops, tablets, phones, switches, cameras, small audio equipment, batteries, hard drives, CDs/DVDs, etc.

Students may deposit their recyclables at the back of the canteen between 7:15 am and 7:30 am, or during their recesses. There will be clear labels indicating the collection points for the various houses and a dedicated bin for e-waste.

We look forward to your child's active participation in this meaningful effort. Thank you for your continued support in our journey towards a greener and more sustainable Earth!

5. Change to School Socks with effect from 2027

We would like to inform parents of an upcoming change to the school attire requirements, which will take effect from **January 2027**. Moving forward, students will be required to wear white socks instead of the current black socks as part of the school uniform.
The change is introduced to align with the refreshed school uniform design and to promote a neater and more consistent appearance among students.

6. Travel Declaration for Year-End Holiday

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/she will be travelling** for the holidays.

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 **Monday, 16 November 2026**. Only one parent is required to make the declaration.

If your child/ward is **not travelling** during the holidays, **no action is required**.

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.**

Thank you for your partnership and support to keep our school safe.

7. Affirmation Ceremony – Wed, 18 November 2026 and Thu, 19 November 2026

The school's annual Affirmation Ceremony will be held on the following dates:

- Wednesday, 18 November 2026 (Primary 1 and Primary 2 recipients)

- Thursday, 19 November 2026 (Primary 3 to Primary 6 recipients)

A summary is given in the table below:

Date	Award Recipients	Remarks
Wednesday, 18 November 2026	Primary 1 and Primary 2	School functions as normal for P1 to P5 levels. P6 students to report at 10.30am for their graduation ceremony.
Thursday, 19 November 2026	Primary 3 to Primary 6	The following students will be involved: - All P5 and P6 students - Selected students from P3 and P4 - Award-recipients from P3 to P6 - Students involved in performances and official duties Note: P1 to P2 students need not report to school

8. Important Dates and Information for 2026 Primary 6 Students

Parents are advised to take note of the tentative dates for the release of PSLE results, submission of secondary school choices and the reporting schedule for students to their posted secondary schools.

The tentative information is extracted from MOE's website for your reference: https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/s1-posting/

Key Event		Tentative Date(s)
Release of PSLE Results		Tentatively between Tuesday, 24 November and Wednesday, 25 November 2026 (both dates inclusive).
Submission of options	a. via S1 Internet System	• 7 calendar days, starting at 11:30am on the day of release of PSLE results. • The system will be available 24 hours a day throughout the submission period. It will open at 11:30am on the first day and close at 4:30pm on the last day of the submission period.
	b. Via Primary Schools	• 11.30am to 4:30pm on the first day; and 9am to 4:30pm from the second to the last day of the submission period
Release of S1 Posting Results		Tentatively on Friday, 18 December 2026 via S1 Portal and SMS, and through your child's primary school.
Reporting to their posted secondary schools for registration		Each school has specific instructions for new students. You can check the school's website to find the information to help prepare your child for the new school term: • Reporting details when school reopens in January. • Familiarisation activities.

Key Event	Tentative Date(s)
	• Purchase of new uniforms and textbooks. Your child should report to the posted secondary school when school reopens in January, even if you intend to appeal for a school transfer.
Useful resources for Choosing a Secondary School	Find up-to-date information about the S1 posting process on the MOE website. Use the SchoolFinder website to search and shortlist schools using easy-to-use filters such as location, CCAs, subjects and PSLE score range. SchoolFinder Website: https://www.moe.gov.sg/schoolfinder/

More information will be released closer to the date.

9. Sales of Textbooks and Uniforms during School Holiday

All parents / guardians are strongly encouraged to purchase textbooks and uniforms online to avoid having to wait in long queues. The items will be made available from 1st December 2026.

- School Textbooks : www.thecontinental.sg/ftpps
- School Uniforms : www.beauvoix.com.sg

Delivery

Please note that delivery charges apply for delivery of textbooks and uniforms. Kindly refer to the vendors' websites for more details.

Self-Collection / On-Site Purchase

You may purchase your child/ward's textbooks and uniforms online and book for an appointment to self-collect the items from the school. Alternatively, you may also walk-in to purchase textbooks and uniforms for your child/ ward. Our vendors' operating hour during the school holiday is as shown in the tabulation below.

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<tr><th>Date</th><th>Operating Hours</th><th>Remarks</th><th>Location</th></tr>
<tr><td>Mon, 30 Nov 2026</td><td rowspan="10">9am to 3pm</td><td>For Walk-ins (P1 & P2)</td><td rowspan="10">ISH Void Deck</td></tr>
<tr><td>Tue, 1 Dec 2026</td><td>For Walk-ins (P3 & P4)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Wed, 2 Dec 2026</td><td>For Walk-ins (P5 & P6)</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Wed, 16 Dec 2026</td><td rowspan="3">For Walk-ins (FAS)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Thu, 17 Dec 2026</td></tr>
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Tue, 22 Dec 2026	9am to 3pm	For Walk-ins (All Levels)	ISH Void Deck
Wed, 23 Dec 2026			
Mon, 28 Dec 2026			

10. Donation of used school uniform and PE attire

If your child/ward has outgrown their school uniform and PE attire, we would appreciate it if you could donate them to the school if they are in good condition. To ensure that the donated items are ready for use, it would be helpful if the uniforms/PE attires are washed and ironed before being handed to the staff in the General Office. Your contribution will greatly benefit those in need and promote a sense of community and shared responsibility. The donated uniforms/PE attires will also come in handy in the event of inclement weather where our students may be caught in the rain and need a change of clothes. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to making a positive impact in our school.

11. Staff Lunch – Thursday, 26 November 2026

Please note that the General Office will be closed from 10.00am on this day due to our annual staff lunch.

12. General Office hours during December Holidays

Our General Office will operate from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. during the December holidays.

Should you require any assistance, please feel free to contact the General Office during the operating hours stated above.

13. Open for Nomination! – President's Award for Teachers 2027 and Outstanding Youth in Education 2027

The **President's Award for Teachers (PAT)** recognizes experienced educators who are role models for the teaching profession. These educators constantly adopt innovative approaches in their lessons and are lifelong learners and mentors to their peers. They embody deep passion for teaching and inspire their students and peers through their words and deeds.

The **Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA)** recognizes young teachers, aged 35 and below, who are inspiring role models for the teaching profession. These teachers embody youthful idealism, energy, and enthusiasm, inspiring both their students and peers through their words and deeds.

Nominations for PAT 2027 and OYEA 2027 are now open until **Friday,8 January 2027**. Let's show our appreciation by nominating those teachers who have made an impact in your child's life Your nomination will surely uplift and encourage them. It takes only 5 minutes of your time.

Nominations for both awards can be submitted online (https://go.gov.sg/pat2027 and https://go.gov.sg/oyea2027).

14. First Day of School Reporting

Please be informed that only P1 and K1 students will report to school on Monday, 4 January 2027. Our Student Care Centre will be open from 7.30am to 7.00pm for enrolled P2 to P6 students.

We will welcome all students back to school on Tuesday, 5 January 2027.

15. 2027 Start It Right Programme – Monday, 4 January 2027 to Thursday, 7 January 2027

To support our students in their transition to the next level of studies, we have set aside 4 Jan to 7 Jan 2027 for our Start It Right (SIR) Programme. The programme aims to establish a foundation for positive student-student and teacher-student relationships through setting expectations and providing opportunities for interaction through hands-on activities and games. We strive to provide support for a smooth transition for each student to the start of a new school year.

16. Stay Connected with First Toa Payoh Primary School

We are pleased to share that our school maintains an official presence on both **Facebook** and **Instagram**. These platforms serve as channels for us to showcase school events, student achievements, and various highlights from our vibrant school life.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to follow us through the links/QR code below to stay informed and connected with the latest updates:

Facebook: https://go.gov.sg/ftppsfb	Instagram: https://go.gov.sg/ftppsig
https://go.gov.sg/ftppsfb	https://go.gov.sg/ftppsig

We look forward to your continued support as we celebrate the efforts and successes of our students and staff throughout the year.

17. Grow Well SG

As part of our nation's effort to nurture healthy lifestyles in young people, the **Grow Well SG** initiative encourages children to eat well, sleep well, learn well, and exercise well — building strong habits for a brighter future.

With the year-end holidays coming up, it's a wonderful time for your children to relax, enjoy the outdoors, and spend meaningful time with family and friends. At the same time, it's easy to spend too much time on screens such as phones, computers, or online games.

We encourage parents to continue supporting your children in developing good daily habits by helping them to:

1. Eat balanced and healthy meals,
2. Get at least 9 hours of sleep each night,
3. Stay active with at least 1 hour of moderate exercise each day, and
4. Keep screen time to less than 2 hours a day.

These simple habits can help your child feel refreshed, stay healthy, and be ready to start 2027 with energy and confidence.

18. School Canteen Advertisement

We would like invite applications to operate a **Halal Noodles/Rice** canteen stall with operations commencing on **1 January 2027**. If you know of anyone who may be interested in operating the stall, we would appreciate your assistance in referring them to our school.

Find out how to apply for a school canteen stall, including the criteria to meet and documents to submit at the following link: https://www.firsttoapayohpri.moe.edu.sg/connect-with-us/schoolcanteenadvertisement/

19. Term 4 School Activities - Mon, 1 October 2026 to Fri, 8 January 2027

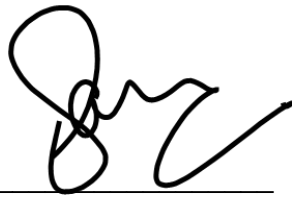
The school will provide further details as necessary closer to the date, otherwise the schedule below serves as a notification.

Date	Activities	Levels & Classes Involved	Remarks
Mon, 9 November 2026	Off in Lieu for Deepavali	All	
Tue, 10 November 2026	Admin Day for results processing – All students need not report to school	All	
Tue, 10 November 2026 to Fri, 13 November 2026	Overseas Learning Journey to Hanoi	Only selected P5 & P6 Students Leaders	
Fri, 13 November 2026	Deepavali Celebration	All	
Wed, 18 November 2026	P6 Graduation Ceremony	P6	
	Affirmation Ceremony (AM)	P1 & P2	Award recipients, invited guests

			and all P1 and P2 students.
Thu, 19 November 2026	Affirmation Ceremony (AM)	P3 – P6	Award recipients, invited guests and all P6 and P5 students. P1 to P4 students need not report to school.
Fri, 20 November 2026	Staff Learning Fiesta	Nil	P1 to P6 students need not report to school.
	Primary 1 Admin Brief (PM - Online)	Parents of P1/2027 Students (via Webinar)	3pm to 4.30pm
Sat, 21 November 2026 to Thu, 31 December 2026	Term 4 School Holidays	All	
Fri, 1 January 2027	Public Holiday – New Year	All	
Mon, 4 January 2027	First Day of School Reporting for the new P1 students	P1	*P2 to P6 students (2026) need not report to school P1 (2026)*
Tue, 5 January 2027	First Day of School Reporting for P2 to P6 students		
Mon, 4 January 2027 to Thu, 7 January 2027	Start It Right (SIR) Programme	All	

Once again, we wish you a restful and joyful time with loved ones this holiday.

In partnership with you,



Mrs Jennifer Choy (Principal)
Mrs Cheryl Lim (VP)
Ms Tay Yam Eng (VPA)