



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

17 September 2026

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

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

I hope the September holidays provided you and your family with a welcome opportunity to rest and spend meaningful time together. As we enter the final term of the year, we hope that our boys will continue to reflect on our school theme, **ACS – A Beacon of Truth and Light**, and how they can put into practice the learning, values and experiences gained over the past three terms. Inspired by **Matthew 5:16**, let us encourage them to let their light shine through their words and actions — by striving to do their best, showing care for others, and using their strengths to make a positive difference in the lives of those around them. As they bring the year to a close, may our boys continue to grow in wisdom and character, while appreciating and celebrating the progress they have made individually and together.

We would like to seek your continued prayers for God's protection over all our staff and students. For our P6 boys in particular, we ask for God's grace and strength to be upon them as they sit for the PSLE written examinations from **Thursday, 24 September to Wednesday, 30 September 2026**. May the Lord grant them the peace of His presence and affirm each child of his efforts.

Staff Matters

1. Teachers' Day Celebration

ACS(J) is blessed with a dedicated team of educators who have served the nation and the school for many years. This year, the school celebrated Teachers' Day on **Thursday, 3 September 2026**. Our teachers were treated to performances by students during the special assembly where they were honoured for their hard work and dedication. We are thankful for the appreciation shown to our teachers by our boys and their parents. Thank you for making our teachers' day!

School Safety

2. Haze Management

In view of the current haze condition, the school is monitoring the situation closely and will adjust school-based measures where necessary, taking reference from the Pollutant Standards Index (PSI) levels. Our school has put in place safety measures, including deploying air purifiers in the classrooms. Staff are also ready to support students who may feel unwell or experience breathing difficulties.

We seek your cooperation to inform your child's/ ward's form teachers if your child/ ward has any pre-existing lung or heart conditions, and ensure that he brings the necessary medication to school daily. We have also reminded students to alert their teachers promptly if they feel unwell.

For the latest information and advisories, parents may refer to the National Environment Agency (NEA) website. Thank you for your support as we continue to safeguard our boys' health and well-being while ensuring that learning continues in a safe environment.

Recognising Our Young Talent

3. Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Achievements

We give thanks for and congratulate our boys on their participation and achievements in CCA.

National School Games

No.	Sports/ Games	Junior Division
1	Basketball	Tier 2 (Group 4) - 3rd position
2	Badminton	Singles Tier 1 BS4 (East) - 1st position Singles Tier 1 BS1 (East) - 5th position Singles Tier 3 BS1 (East) - 1st position Doubles Tier 1 BD3 (East) - 4th position Doubles Tier 2 BD3 (East) - 4th position Doubles Tier 3 BD2 (East) - 2nd position
3	Football	Tier 1 (Group D) - 1st position
4	Rugby	Tier 1 - 1st position
5	Table Tennis	Singles Tier 1 (Group 1) - 2nd position Singles Tier 2 (Group 2) - 2nd position Singles Tier 4 (Group 4) - 2nd position Doubles Tier 3 (Group 3) - 1st position
6	Tennis	Singles (Green Ball) Tier 1.3 - 3rd position Singles (Green Ball) Tier 2.2 - 2nd position Singles (Green Ball) Tier 2.4 - 1st position Doubles (Green Ball) Tier 1.1 - 1st position Doubles (Green Ball) Tier 1.3 - 2nd position

Clubs and Societies – Chess Club

Name of competition	National Results	Zonal (South) Results
67th National Schools (Team) Chess Championship 2026	<u>Open (U12)</u> Team 1: 6th out of 84 teams Team 2: 9th out of 84 teams	<u>Open (U12)</u> Team 1: 3rd
	<u>U10</u> Team 1: 11th out of 96 teams Team 2: 24th out of 96 teams	<u>U8</u> Team 2: 2nd
	<u>U8</u> Team 1: 15th out of 44 teams Team 2: 11th out of 44 teams	

Uniformed Group – Boys' Brigade

Name of Competition	Results
BB Character Quest (Juniors Programme) 2026	6th position & Gold Honour Roll

4. National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore 2026

The National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore is an annual competition aimed at generating greater interest and enthusiasm in Mathematics among students in primary schools. We congratulate our Primary 5 boys who participated in the competition on their achievements.

No.	Award	Number of winners
1	Silver	6
2	Bronze	12

5. Singapore Primary Science Olympiad (SPSO)

SPSO is an annual national competition organised by the NUS High School of Mathematics and Science to generate enthusiasm and interest in Science among primary school students. We congratulate our Primary 5 boys who participated in the competition and celebrate their commendable achievements.

No.	Award	Number of winners
1	Gold	1
2	Silver	6
3	Bronze	12
4	Merit	31

We are also pleased to share that ACS(J) has been ranked among the Top 20 schools nationwide, based on the cumulative scores of our top five students.

PSLE Matters and Primary 3 to Primary 5 Home-based Learning (HBL)

6. Pre-PSLE Study Break for Primary 6 Students

A three-day pre-PSLE study break will be in place for our Primary 6 boys from **Monday, 21 September to Wednesday, 23 September 2026**. This aims to support their well-being in the lead-up to PSLE. During the study break, all Primary 6 boys are strongly encouraged to remain at home to do their revision. The respective form teachers will share more details via Parents Gateway.

7. PSLE (Written) and P3 to P5 Home-based Learning (HBL)

Our Primary 6 boys will sit for the PSLE (Written) from **Thursday, 24 September to Wednesday, 30 September 2026**. **Primary 3 to Primary 5 students will be rostered for Home-based Learning (HBL) during this period** (refer to **Table 1**). There will be no HBL for Primary 1 and Primary 2 students. Instructions for HBL will be sent to parents via Parents Gateway nearer to the HBL dates.

Table 1

Day and Date	Primary 6 Students	Primary 1-5 students (Primary 3, 4 and 5 HBL Days)
Monday, 21 Sep to Wednesday, 23 Sep	Pre-PSLE Study Break <i>No school for Primary 6 students</i>	School as usual for P1 to P5
Thursday, 24 Sep	PSLE English Language	HBL for Primary 3 students School as usual for P1, P2, P4 and P5
Friday, 25 Sep	PSLE Mathematics	HBL for Primary 4 students School as usual for P1, P2, P3 and P5
Monday, 28 Sep	PSLE Mother Tongue Languages	HBL for Primary 5 students School as usual for P1, P2, P3 and P4
Tuesday, 29 Sep	PSLE Science	School as usual for P1 to P5
Wednesday, 30 Sep	PSLE Higher Mother Tongue <i>No school for Primary 6 students who do not take HMT</i>	School as usual for P1 to P5
Monday, 12 Oct to Wednesday, 14 Oct	PSLE Marking Exercise <i>No school for all students</i>	

8. PSLE Marking Exercise

There will be no school during the PSLE Marking Exercise from **Monday, 12 October to Wednesday, 14 October 2026** as teachers will be involved in the marking of PSLE scripts.

Children's Day Celebrations (Thursday, 1 October 2026)

9. The school will celebrate Children's Day on **Thursday, 1 October 2026**. In line with this year's school theme, **ACS – A Beacon of Truth and Light**, we hope to instill the value of **Collaboration** in our boys through engaging them in class activities. **All students are to come in their Corporate T-shirt and School Shorts**. As the canteen will be closed on that day, a snack will be provided for all students. Students can bring their own snacks, if necessary.
10. **School hours will be from 7.30am to 10.30am**. Please make the necessary transport arrangements for your child/ward.
11. There will be no school on **Friday, 2 October 2026**. The General Office and school-based Student Care Centre (SCC) will also be closed.
12. We are collaborating with the Community Chest of Singapore to support their Children's Day Appeal (CDA). Each student will be given a CDA envelope, and the envelope will be collected by **Friday, 9 October 2026**. Donations in cash or cheque are to be sealed in the CDA envelope and given to the respective form teachers. Through this donation drive, we hope to encourage our boys to look beyond themselves and show love and care to the less fortunate in the community.

Deepavali Celebrations (Friday, 6 November 2026)

13. Our Tamil Language Department will be conducting a sharing on the Deepavali festival during school assembly on **Friday, 6 November 2026**.
14. There will be no school for all students on **Monday, 9 November 2026**. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Hindu staff and students a Happy Deepavali.

Primary 4 Subject-based Banding (Friday, 6 November)

15. Please note that the Subject Based Banding (SBB) option forms will be given out to all Primary 4 students on **Friday, 6 November 2026**.

Primary 6 Graduation Service (Tuesday, 10 November 2026)

16. The Primary 6 Graduation Service will be held in school on **Tuesday, 10 November 2026**. More details will be shared via Parents Gateway nearer the date of the event.

Promotion Exercise (Friday, 13 November 2026)

17. There is no school on **Friday, 13 November 2026** as all staff will be involved in processing students' results for the promotion exercise.

CCA Registration for 2027

18. Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) are an integral part of our students' holistic education, providing opportunities for them to discover their interests and talents while developing character, values, social-emotional competencies and essential skills. ACS(J) offers CCAs across four groups: **Clubs and Societies, Physical Sports, Uniformed Groups, and Visual and Performing Arts**.

19. 2027 CCA Arrangements and Required Actions

Students	CCA Arrangement for 2027	Actions required
Current Primary 2 students	All students will participate in ACSplore in Primary 3 and experience two different CCAs during the year.	Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the online CCA briefing and participate in the registration exercise.
Current Primary 3 to 5 students in ACSplore CCAs	Students will progress to ACScite under the school's one-CCA policy.	
Current Primary 4 and 5 students already in a Physical Sports Development/Training Squad, Uniformed Group, Club or Society, or SYF team	Students will remain in their current CCA and will not need to register again. They will therefore not have access to the registration portal.	-

20. Registration and Parent Briefing

Registration for the 2027 CCA programme will commence on Friday, 30 October 2026. To support parents and students in making informed choices, an online CCA briefing via Microsoft Teams will be conducted in October (specific date to be confirmed), particularly for parents of current Primary 2 students and Primary 3 to 5 students in ACSpire CCAs. The briefing will provide an overview of the revised CCA structure and registration process.

Please note that where a CCA is oversubscribed, **places will be allocated through randomised balloting**.

Further details of the briefing will be shared via Parents Gateway by Wednesday, 30 September 2026.

Changes to P1 Registration Framework

18. We would like to inform you that the Ministry of Education (MOE) has announced changes to the Primary 1 (P1) Registration Framework, which will take effect from the 2027 P1 Registration Exercise.

From 2027, the number of reserved places in Phase 2C will be increased from 40 to 60. In addition, ACS(J) is 1 of 12 schools identified by MOE to implement a new “Two-Track Scheme” in Phase 2C. Under this scheme, Phase 2C places will be equally distributed across two tracks — one for families living within 2km of the school, and one for families living beyond 2km. There will be no home-school distance priority within each track, and balloting will apply if the number of applicants exceeds the available places in either track.

For full details on these changes, we encourage you to refer to MOE's press release at <https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/20260910-enhancing-the-primary-one-registration-framework-for-greater-access-and-inclusivity>

ACS Old Boys' Association (OBA) News

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

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

Yours faithfully

Ms Cheryl Chee
Principal