



Dear parents/ guardians,

We have come to the end of Term 3 and below are some important information for your attention when school reopens in Term 4.

1. School's Achievements

We are pleased to share our pupils' remarkable achievements in various CCA and external competitions:

- i) **Coders Passion Scratch Hackathon 2026 Junior Category** – 1st Place, 3rd Place, 2 Distinction Awards, 2 Merit Awards and 1 Commendation Award
- ii) **E6 Cluster Hackathon 2026** – Cultural Connector Award and Prototype with Purpose Award
- iii) **National School Games Table Tennis 2026 Junior Division Boys Tier 4** – Doubles Champion
- iv) **National Club Scout Gang Show** – Gold Award
- v) **National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore 2026** – 1 Silver Award, 5 Bronze Awards and 10 Honourable Mention Awards
- vi) **30th National Primary School Chinese Creative Writing Competition organised by Singapore Foo Chow Association** – Merit Award
- vii) **National Vlog Competition for Singapore Primary School Students** – Best Participating School Award (P5/P6 Category)
- viii) **Music Singapore Youth Festival 2026 (The Youth Station Project: Produced!)** – Top 10 Entries
- ix) **Malay Language Competition (Sayembara Bahasa):**
 - Primary 1 (Singing Children's Song) – 2nd Place
 - Primary 2 (Folktale Dramatization) – 3rd Place
 - Primary 3 (Book Promotion Skit) – 2nd Place
 - Primary 6 (Language Quiz) – 3rd Place

We would like to thank all our parents/guardians for their continued support in their child's holistic development and pursuit of excellence. We would also like to thank our dedicated teachers and coaches who have trained and motivated our pupils in the process.

2. PSLE Listening Comprehension

There will be no school for Primary 1 – Primary 5 pupils on **15 September 2026, Tuesday** as it is the PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination. We wish all our Primary 6 pupils the very best for this examination.

3. Pre-PSLE Study Break for Primary 6 Pupils

A nation-wide three-day study break will be implemented for Primary 6 pupils from **21 September 2026, Monday to 23 September 2026, Wednesday**, to support their well-being prior to the PSLE.

During the study break, Primary 6 pupils are strongly encouraged to remain at home to rest adequately and do their revision. The school will remain open for Primary 6 pupils who require in-school support. Pupils who require assistance from their teachers may arrange for consultations with their teachers in school. Additionally, the school may request selected pupils to return during the study break, and their parents/guardians will be informed separately. Parents/Guardians who are unable to secure alternative care arrangements may continue to send their children/wards to school for supervision. The Student Care Centre will also remain open during the study break for families who require the service.

4. Home-Based Learning (HBL) for Primary 3 to Primary 5 Pupils during the PSLE Written Examinations

Our Primary 6 pupils will be taking their PSLE written papers from **24 September to 30 September 2026**. During this period, Primary 3 to 5 pupils will be on staggered HBL as stated in the table below. They will report to school on non-HBL days.

Level	HBL Date / Day (Pupils are not required to report to school)
P3 and P5	24 & 25 September (Thursday & Friday)
P4 only	28 & 29 September (Monday & Tuesday)

During the HBL days, teachers will assign SLS work or hardcopy work to the pupils. There will be no online lessons, as teachers will be involved in the conduct of the PSLE Written Examinations.

All Primary 1 and 2 pupils will continue to attend school as usual during the PSLE Written Examinations. All Primary 1 to 5 pupils will return to school on **30 September 2026**.

a) Recesses for P1 – P5 Pupils:

In our efforts to ensure a conducive examination environment for our Primary 6 pupils, the P1 – P5 pupils will have their recesses in their classrooms during the PSLE written examinations period. The P1 – P5 pupils are strongly encouraged to bring packed food from home. Arrangements will be made for pupils who are unable to bring food from home to purchase food from the canteen. To encourage recycling, pupils who are purchasing food from the canteen are encouraged to bring their own containers and cutlery.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and support to our Primary 6 pupils.

5. Learning Journey to Jacob Ballas Children's Garden for Primary 1 Pupils

As part of their exploratory and interdisciplinary learning experiences, the school will be organising a learning journey to Jacob Ballas Children's Garden for Primary 1 pupils during school curriculum hours. The learning journey will take place from **17 to 18 September 2026**. Please see the schedule below.

Class	Date
1A, 1B, 1C, 1D	17 September 2026, Thursday
1E, 1F, 1G	18 September 2026, Friday

More details on the learning journey will be sent via Parents Gateway (PG) nearer to the dates.

6. HeArts Shine Fiesta cum Children's Day 2026

The school will celebrate the HeArts Shine Fiesta cum Children's Day on **1 October 2026, Thursday**. This year's theme, "**Wonderland at White Sands**", aims to foster teamwork through fun and engaging activities. Pupils can look forward to a fun-filled day of games, hands-on workshops, entertainment shows and performances.

School hours will be from **7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.** Pupils should report to school in their PE attire with sports or school shoes. They are encouraged to bring a small backpack and water bottle. The school canteen will operate as usual. In celebration of Children's Day, a selection of carnival food items will also be available for purchase.

7. Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Schedule for Term 4 2026

CCA sessions will continue on Wednesdays from 2.15 p.m. to 3.45 p.m., except for Football (Girls), which will be conducted on Fridays from 3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. On Wednesdays when there is no CCA, Primary 3 to Primary 6 pupils will be **dismissed at 1.45 p.m.**

The Term 4 schedule is provided below. Any additional or make-up sessions will be communicated by the respective CCA teachers. If your child is unable to attend a session, please inform the respective CCA teacher in advance.

CCA Schedule for Term 4

Dates			P3 to P5
Term 4	Week 1	16-Sep	CCA
	Week 2	23-Sep	No CCA
	Week 3	30-Sep	No CCA
	Week 4	7-Oct	No CCA
	Week 5	14-Oct	No CCA
	Week 6	21-Oct	No CCA
	Week 7*	28-Oct	CCA
	Week 8	4-Nov	CCA
	Week 9	11-Nov	CCA
	Week 10	18-Nov	No CCA

** Primary 6 pupils will resume CCA from Week 7.*

8. Healthy Living #7: Outdoor Activities and Nature Exposure

Outdoor activities play an important role in supporting children's physical, mental and emotional well-being. Spending time in nature encourages children to stay active, build confidence, reduce stress and develop resilience. These experiences also help them develop important life skills such as teamwork, perseverance and adaptability.

Our P5 White Sandians experienced these benefits through their Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp. Activities such as kayaking, ziplining, rock climbing and outdoor exploration challenged pupils to step out of their comfort zones, stay physically active and support one another in overcoming challenges. These experiences reinforced the value of resilience while fostering an appreciation for learning beyond the classroom.

Tips for Parents

- Encourage your child to spend time outdoors each day, whether through walking, cycling or active play.
- Explore parks and nature trails together as a family.
- Limit screen time and create opportunities for outdoor recreation during weekends.
- Use outdoor activities to strengthen family bonds while promoting healthy habits.

Together, we can help our children develop active lifestyles, positive mindsets and a lifelong appreciation for the outdoors.

9. Growth Mindset Nuggets #8: Science for Life and Society

Science plays an important role in helping children understand their daily lives and the world around them. Through **INspired by Science, INquire like Scientists and INnovate using Science**, pupils develop curiosity, ask questions, investigate ideas and apply what they learn to make sense of the world and contribute to society.

At White Sands Primary School, we strive to develop our pupils as curious and confident inquirers through meaningful Science learning experiences. Through play and inquiry-based learning, pupils have opportunities to explore, observe, investigate, discuss and make connections. Teachers and learning partners guide pupils in their learning, encouraging them to see mistakes as part of the learning process and to persevere when faced with challenges.

Parents can nurture their child's curiosity by connecting Science to everyday life. Encourage your child to ask questions, apply scientific knowledge, discuss real-world issues and think of new ways to solve problems. Every question, observation and attempt are opportunities for your child to think like a scientist, learn from mistakes and grow.

Together, we can nurture our pupils' curiosity and resilience, encouraging them to ask questions, embrace challenges and see every mistake as an opportunity to learn and grow.

10. Major Events and Holidays for Term 4

Date	Event	Remarks
4 Sep (Fri)	Teachers' Day	School Holiday
5 Sep (Sat) – 13 Sep (Sun)	September Term Break	P6 supplementary classes on 10 and 11 Sep. Details have been sent to parents via PG.
15 Sep (Tue)	PSLE Listening Comprehension Examinations	P1 – P5 pupils need not report to school.
24 Sep (Thu) – 30 Sep (Wed)	PSLE Written Examinations	24 & 25 Sep – HBL for P3 and P5 pupils 28 & 29 Sep – HBL for P4 pupils
1 Oct (Thu)	HeArts Shine Fiesta cum Children's Day celebration	School hours for all pupils will be from 7.30am to 10.30am.
2 Oct (Fri)	Children's Day	School Holiday
5 Oct (Mon) – 6 Oct (Tue)	P3 & P4 Oral	After school hours. More details will be sent via PG nearer the date.
7 Oct (Wed) – 8 Oct (Thu)	P5 Oral	
12 Oct (Mon) – 14 Oct (Wed)	PSLE Marking days	All pupils need not report to school. SCC will be open.
16 Oct (Fri)	SA (Eng Paper 1 & LC) P3 - P5	--
19 Oct (Mon)	SA (MT Paper 1 & LC) P3 - P5	
21 Oct (Wed)	SA (Eng Paper 2) P3 - P5	
22 Oct (Thu)	SA (Math) P3 - P5	
23 Oct (Fri)	SA (MT Paper 2) P3 - P5	
26 Oct (Mon)	SA (Sci) P3 - P5	
27 Oct (Tue)	SA (HMT Paper 1 & 2) P5 only	
8 Nov (Sun)	Deepavali	--
9 Nov (Mon)	Deepavali Public Holiday	--
10 Nov (Tue)	Results Processing Day	All pupils need not report to school. SCC will be open.

Date	Event	Remarks
19 Nov (Thu)	P6 Graduation Celebrations	More details will be sent via PG nearer the date.
19 Nov (Thu)	Little Achievers Award Day (P1 & P2)	More details will be sent via PG nearer the date.
20 Nov (Fri)	Prize Giving Day (P3 – P6)	More details will be sent via PG nearer the date.
21 Nov (Sat) – 1 Jan (Fri)	Year-end holiday	School will start on 4 Jan (Mon) 2027 (for P1) and 5 Jan (Tue) 2027 (for P2 to P6)

Thank you for your kind attention to the above information. We wish your child a restful September school break!

Your partner-in-education,

Ms Audrey Wong
Principal

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