



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

31 December 2024

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

On behalf of the staff at ACS (Junior), I bring you Christmas greetings as we celebrate the gift of God's love and give thanks for His bountiful blessings. May the spirit of this season fill your hearts with faith, your homes with love, and your lives with the joy of friendship. I hope that you and your children have had a restful year-end break and are looking forward to starting a new school year.

My staff and I are excited to welcome our **Primary 1 boys on Thursday, 2 January 2025** and all our **Primary 2 to 6 boys** back to school on **Friday, 3 January 2025**.

Theme for 2025: Soaring in Unity (Romans 12:4-5)

1. We have chosen **Soaring in Unity** as our school theme for 2025. The theme verse is taken from **Romans 12:4-5 (NIV)**, **“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”**
2. This verse reminds us to give thanks to God for anchoring us in His faithfulness and guiding us to grow into our best selves. As our Creator, He has uniquely crafted each one of us with gifts and talents to serve Him and one another. In His eyes, we are each special, created for a purpose, and integral to the community. Through Him, we are called to nurture both our personal growth and the growth of those around us, reflecting His love in action.
3. In response to God's call, let us align ourselves with humility and obedience, striving to build one another up and strengthen the community. By using our individual gifts, we contribute to a supportive and collaborative environment, where every member of the body of Christ feels he belongs and has a vital role to play.

Staff Matters

4. The school warmly welcomes the following staff:
 - Mr Goh Sheow En (Vice-Principal)
 - Mdm Ng Hui San (Subject Head/Information and Communications Technology)
 - Mdm Ong Junie (Subject Head/21st Century Competencies)
 - Mdm Siti Nurashikin Bte Ajman (Teacher)
 - Ms Chng Siew Teng Marian (Administration Manager)
 - Mrs Vidya Suresh (Allied Educator (Teaching & Learning))

5. The school bids farewell to the following staff. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for his dedicated service and wish him all the very best in his future endeavours:
 - Mr Chee Zhen Yi (Level Head/Mathematics)
6. We congratulate the following staff on their appointment to new positions:
 - Mr Chia Jiahao Glenn is redesignated as Level Head/Mathematics
 - Mdm Lam Yuk Wing is appointed as Level Head/Chinese Language
 - Mdm Teong Wen Jia Ivy is appointed as Level Head/Science

Thanksgiving

7. We give praise and thanks to God for his divine guidance and continued blessings on ACS(J). Our 2024 Primary 6 cohort has been commendable in their pursuit of excellence, both in the academic and non-academic domains, demonstrating resilience in and commitment to their learning throughout the year.
8. We rejoice with the Class of 2024 for having done well and sustained the good performance of their seniors in 2023. 99% of our boys will progress to secondary school, with more than 90% qualifying for Posting Group 3. We thank God for His grace and give Him all glory for the strong foundation that has been laid and the wonderful friendships that our boys have forged at ACS(J).

School Hours 2025

9. School Arrival
Punctuality is about discipline and a mark of respect. As a school, we inculcate this habit of being punctual every morning so that our boys are better prepared for a day of learning in school. Please ensure that your child/ ward gets sufficient sleep every night and reaches school **before 7.30am**. Kindly factor in the time your child/ ward will need to walk from the drop-off point to the reporting venue so that he can arrive for attendance-taking by 7.30am every morning.
10. School Dismissal
All students will be dismissed according to the staggered dismissal timings below. Primary 1 students will be guided to familiarise them with the staggered dismissal arrangements.

Time	Group
1.30pm	<u>Leaving by School Bus</u>
1.40pm	<u>Leaving on Foot</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting parents/siblings in the foyer; or • Walking or taking public transport home; or • Walking out of school to meet parents; or • Walking to the location where parents' cars are parked (e.g. Newton carpark, 10 Winstedt Road carpark).
<u>Leaving by Car/ for Student Care Centre (SCC)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picked up by car at foyer (Gate 1 will open at 1.40pm) • Picked up by car at external lay-by (Cones will be removed at 1.40pm) • Proceed to ACS(J) SCC or External SCC 	

11. Recess and Snack Break

The staggered recess and snack break times are as follows:

Level	Recess	Snack Break
Primary 1	9.00am to 9.30am	11.30am
Primary 2	9.30am to 10.00am	12.00pm
Primary 3 and 4	10.00am to 10.30am	12.30pm
Primary 5 and 6	10.30am to 11.00am	8.30am

A 10-minute snack break is given to our boys daily during curriculum hours to sustain them until school dismissal. We seek your cooperation to pack only healthy snacks (dry food items or fruits) for your child/ ward and encourage him to take responsibility to clean up after eating. This includes his desk and its surrounding area.

Attire, Discipline, Safety, Security & Administrative Matters

12. Attire

All students will wear their formal **school uniform from Monday to Thursday**. The formal uniform comprises a white short-sleeved shirt (complete with the name tag) and a pair of navy blue school shorts. This uniform is to be worn with white shoes and socks. If track shoes are worn, they should be predominantly white.

Students may wear their corporate T-shirt on **Friday**. The corporate T-shirt is to be worn with a pair of black corporate shorts or navy blue school shorts. CCA attire can only be worn during CCA sessions.

Students may refer to their Student's Companion or view our school rules on the school website (<https://www.acsj.moe.edu.sg/rules/>) for more information about the different student attire. Information on ordering school uniforms and corporate T-shirts can be found at <https://www.acsj.moe.edu.sg/our-school/vendors/>.

13. Discipline

Please be reminded that **no adult/parent is to engage directly with any student on issues related to discipline and behaviour**. Any matters of concern are to be brought to the attention of our staff for review and resolution.

14. Road Safety

Student safety is a priority of the school. The safety of students using roads leading to and from the school is the responsibility of all. We need motorists to play their part by slowing down as they approach the vicinity of the school, and parents to reinforce the importance of road safety to their children.

(a) Walking to School

Students who walk to school are to use the appropriate traffic lights and zebra crossings, and to enter the school via **Gate 3A or 3C**. They are not allowed to walk across the Parade Square as vehicles will be moving in and out of the school.

We educate our boys on the importance of staying vigilant while crossing the roads and raise their awareness of near miss incidents during assembly every term. 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 - looking out for oncoming traffic before they cross and raising their hands to increase visibility while using the pedestrian crossing.

(b) Driving to School

During peak traffic periods such as arrival and dismissal times, students arriving to school by car are to alight at the **lay-by along Winstedt Road or the drop-off zone in the school compound** in front of the foyer. Our staff and security guards will be deployed to facilitate the flow of traffic and enforce road safety behaviour. We seek your support to cooperate with them.

To ensure a smooth flow of vehicles entering and exiting ACS(J) in the morning and at dismissal time, please continue to ensure that your child's/ ward's bags are with him so that he can alight quickly at the foyer and external lay-by. Please also encourage your child/ ward to alight on his own in the morning and to board the vehicle quickly during dismissal time as a consideration for others in the queue. We seek the understanding of our parents/ guardians that some of our younger boys do need more support to alight from and board their vehicles, and we thank you in advance for your patience and graciousness as we give them more time to familiarise themselves with the routine at the start of the school year.

(c) Parking Outside School Premises

Please use the public carparks at Newton Food Centre or 10 Winstedt Road as parking is not available within the school premises during reporting and dismissal times for students. Please refrain from parking inside the estate at 50 Monk's Hill Road as it is reserved for residents only. Unauthorised parked vehicles will be towed away by the estate management. Motorists should also not park their vehicles along Monk's Hill Road, Winstedt Road and Clemenceau Avenue North as this will cause obstruction to the flow of traffic and inconvenience the residents nearby. LTA Enforcement Officers had been contacted by irate residents in the past and summons were issued.

15. School Security

For the safety of our boys, no student is allowed to leave the school premises after they have arrived in school and during their lunch break unless he is accompanied by his parent/ guardian.

The school has a Security Pass System to monitor and manage the movement of visitors on our school premises. Parents/ Caregivers have to display their security passes at all times when they are in the school. To apply for the Security Pass, please obtain an application form from the General Office (GO). Each Security Pass application will only allow up to two family members/ caregivers to be registered.

Do note that the teaching blocks as well as the corridors linking them are strictly out of bounds to all visitors (including parents and caregivers). Visitors are to remain in the foyer when they drop off or pick up the students from school. Parents/ Guardians will be allowed to enter the school and meet their children at the foyer at dismissal time.

16. Administration of Students' Items

As part of our efforts to strengthen the value of Responsibility in our boys, we kindly request that you or your helper refrain from bringing items such as CCA t-shirts,

textbooks, worksheets and lunch boxes for your child/ ward during curriculum hours. Our teachers are fully engaged in class and are unable to pick up and deliver these items.

For essential items like EZlink cards, keys, spectacles and medicine, you may approach our GO staff for assistance to contact your child/ ward to retrieve these items from the GO during recess or after school. We seek your support in cultivating a sense of responsibility in our boys. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

17. Safe Management Measures (SMMs)

Although Safe Management Measures (SMMs) in schools have been eased, we seek your support and understanding to continue to be socially responsible to reduce the risk of spread of diseases in school. Students who are unwell or have a positive ART result should not report to school.

All students must bring their Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) to school for temperature-taking when necessary and before they are admitted to the sick bay. Primary 1 students will be given the ODT by their Form Teachers on the first day of school. Temperature-taking exercise will be conducted twice a year. The first exercise will take place on **Wednesday, 15 January 2025**.

18. Student's Companion

The Student's Companion will be distributed to **all students** on **2 and 3 January 2025**. Your child/ ward is encouraged to write details of his homework in it. You may also wish to use it to communicate with your child's/ ward's teachers.

19. School Calendar

Please find the **School Calendar for Semester 1 2025** at the end of this letter. The information is also available on the **School Website**.

Orientation Programme (Primary 1 to 6)

20. Our boys will be engaged in a series of orientation activities that will take place over 3 days in the first week of school. The key learning experiences will focus on character building, class bonding, team building and developing school spirit.

21. On the first day of school, students are to bring their **pencil case, colour pencils, a story book, the Character and Citizenship Education (Form Teacher Guidance Period) Journal, their report books (Primary 2 to 6 students only) and a water bottle**. No other school textbooks and activity books are required. The respective Form and Subject Teachers will advise students on when they should bring their books to school. Please ensure that your child's/ ward's personal belongings are clearly labelled.

Information for Parents of Primary 1 Students

22. Details of the orientation programme for **Primary 1 students** on **2 and 3 January 2025** are as follows:

Primary 1 (Thursday, 2 January 2025)			
7.15am to 7.45am	<i>On Arrival</i>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents are allowed to come into the School Foyer with their Primary 1 child. Primary 1 students will be directed to their respective classrooms by teachers and student leaders. Parents will proceed to the Performing Arts Hall (PAH) for engagement with Principal and Middle Managers. 		
7.45am to 8.15am	<i>Parent Engagement Session with Principal & Form Teachers</i>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal's Welcome Message Sharing by Year Head and Head of Department (CCE) 		
	<i>Assembly for Primary 1 Students</i>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary 1 Classrooms 		
8.15am to 9.00am	1.1, 1.7, 1.9 Recess with Parents*	1.2, 1.3, 1.6 Orientation Part 1 (P1 students)	1.4, 1.5, 1.8 Orientation Part 1 (P1 students)
		1.2, 1.3, 1.6 Parents' Panel^ (P1 parents)	1.4, 1.5, 1.8 Meet the Parents# (P1 parents)
9.00am to 9.45am	1.1, 1.7, 1.9 Orientation Part 1 (P1 students)	1.2, 1.3, 1.6 Recess with Parents*	1.4, 1.5, 1.8 Orientation Part 2 (P1 students)
	1.1, 1.7, 1.9 Meet the Parents# (P1 parents)		1.4, 1.5, 1.8 Parents' Panel^ (P1 parents)
9.45am to 10.15am	1.1, 1.7, 1.9 Orientation Part 2 (P1 students)	1.2, 1.3, 1.6 Orientation Part 2 (P1 students)	1.4, 1.5, 1.8 Recess with Parents*
	1.1, 1.7, 1.9 Parents' Panel^ (P1 parents)	1.2, 1.3, 1.6 Meet the Parents# (P1 parents)	
<p><i>*Recess with Parents (Canteen) - staggered timings</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents are invited to have recess with their children Please give students the opportunity to buy their food <p><i>#Meet the Parents (MTP) with P1 Form Teachers#</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents are to meet with the P1 Form Teachers <p><i>^Parents' Panel</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing by fellow parents on being a supportive ACS(J) parent 			
10.15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents are to leave the school when the Orientation Programme for Parents is over Primary 1 students will continue with the Orientation Programme in class 		
10.30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents whose children are registered at The Enablers II Student Care Centre (SCC) are to proceed to SCC for briefing at 10.30am 		
11.30am	<i>Snack Break</i>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will have their snack break in class. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents are to prepare a healthy snack for their children to enjoy in class during snack break, in addition to what they would have for recess.
1.30pm 1.40pm onwards	<i>Dismissal of Primary 1 Students</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaving by School Bus Leaving on Foot Leaving by Car/ for SCC Parents will be allowed to enter the School Foyer after the school buses have left the school compound.
Primary 1 (Friday, 3 January 2025)	
<i>Continuation of Orientation Programme</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary 1 students will be guided to their respective classrooms from the School Foyer. Orientation programme will continue for all students. No parent/ guardian will be allowed to enter the school compound. 	

Information for Parents of Primary 2 to 6 Students

23. On the first day of school for all **Primary 2 to 6 students** on **Friday, 3 January 2025**, all students are to proceed to the foyer when they arrive in school. Staff and student leaders will be on-site to assist and direct the students to their classrooms.

Beginning of the Year Meet-the-Parents (MTP) Sessions in January 2025

24. The school will be holding face-to-face meetings with **parents of Primary 2 to 6 students** in **January 2025**. The objective of the MTP is to provide information pertaining to school, level programmes, teaching and learning, and communication channels. The schedule of the MTP Sessions for the various levels is as follows:

Level	Day/Date	Time
Primary 2 & 5	Monday, 20 January	3.00pm to 4.30pm
Primary 3 & 6	Wednesday, 22 January	3.00pm to 4.30pm
Primary 4	Thursday, 23 January	3.00pm to 4.30pm

25. The Form Teachers will share on class-related matters during the MTP. If there are specific student-related concerns, please contact them after the session. More details of each MTP session will be sent to you via Parents Gateway (PG) nearer to the date.

Co-curricular Activity (CCA) Matters and Access Arrangements

26. CCA

Having undergone the **Programme for Active Learning (PAL)** at Primary 1 and 2, we strongly encourage all **Primary 3 to 6 students** to participate in a CCA to further hone their Social Emotional Competencies and to develop their character. Please note that **CCA is optional** and **each student can only participate in 1 CCA**.

Details of the CCA briefing (previously communicated to Primary 2 to 5 parents via PG on 8 November 2024) are as follows:

Topic	CCA Briefing 2025
Target Audience	2025 P3 to P6 parents/ guardians
Date	Thursday, 2 January 2025
Time	2.30pm to 4pm
Mode	Microsoft Teams
Meeting Details	Meeting ID: 447 165 019 175 Passcode: fnHp5F
<i>Note: If you do not have Microsoft Teams, please download the app for the meeting. Alternatively, you may click on Join the meeting now, then click 'Continue on this browser' to join the meeting.</i>	

27. Application for Access Arrangements (AAs)

[For Primary 4 to 6 students with learning or physical disabilities requesting for access arrangements for internal examinations]

Students with new diagnoses may wish to apply for Access Arrangements (AAs), such as extra time, for their internal end-of-year examinations. AAs are granted as needed in consultation with the subject teachers, and through observations made during lessons and school-based assessments.

The closing dates for **new AA applications** are as follows:

Primary 4 and 5 End-of-Year Examinations	Monday, 25 August 2025
Primary 6 Preliminary Examinations and PSLE	Friday, 31 January 2025

Please contact Ms Lauren Ng (Senior SENO) at lauren_ng_miaw_shan@moe.edu.sg if you have any queries regarding AA.

As we count down to 2025, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a blessed and joyous New Year. Thank you for your continued partnership and heartfelt prayers for the school. We are grateful for your support as we work together to guide our boys to flourish and become the young ACSian gentlemen that they are called to be. May the year ahead be filled with discovery, personal growth, and the forging of strong and lasting friendships for every boy at ACS(J).

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

Yours faithfully

Miss Cheryl Chee
Principal

ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)

Date	School Calendar 2025 - Semester 1
01-Jan	New Year's Day Public Holiday
02-Jan	P1 Meet-the-Parents Session
20-Jan	P2/P5 Meet-the-Parents Session
22-Jan	P3/P6 Meet-the-Parents Session
23-Jan	P4 Meet-the-Parents Session
28-Jan	Chinese New Year Celebration (Dismissal at 10.30am)
29-Jan	Chinese New Year Public Holiday
30-Jan	Chinese New Year Public Holiday
17-Feb	Total Defence Day Commemoration
28-Feb	Founder's Day Celebration
15-Mar to 23-Mar	School Holidays
31-Mar	Hari Raya Puasa Public Holiday
15-Apr	International Friendship Day Commemoration
18-Apr	Good Friday Public Holiday
01-May	Labour Day
12- May	Vesak Day
27-May	Junior Super Star
29-May	Parent-Child-Teacher Conference Day 1
30-May	Parent-Child-Teacher Conference Day 2
31-May to 29-Jun	School Holidays