



## School Mission

A CHIJ School is a Christ-centered school community where all work together for the promotion of truth, justice, freedom and love, with special reference to the needs of students who are disadvantaged in any way.

## School Vision

Girls of Today for Tomorrow



## Update on Project for Sacred Spaces

We are delighted to share that our fundraising project to enhance the Sacred Spaces in our school has exceeded our expectations. We are grateful to our IJ OLN family, friends & relatives, parishioners of the Church of Our Lady of the Nativity, organisations and well-wishers for their kindness,

support and generosity.

The donation drive for this project is now closed. The Prayer and Reflection Room was renovated during the school holidays and is now ready for students to use during recess for quiet prayer and reflection. Parent volunteers will be available to provide guidance when needed. The funds will also be used to enhance other spaces and provide resources for the Prayer and Reflection Room.

Thank you for your generous contributions and support in making this project a success!

## **General Information**

### Total Defence Day (TDD)

The theme for TDD 2026 - Together We Keep Singapore Strong - focuses on Singapore's readiness and resilience in the face of crises and disruptions. Total Defence underpins our ability to deal with the ever-evolving threats and

challenges to Singapore. Everyone plays a part in our daily lives to ensure that Singapore is prepared for crises and disruptions.

Our students will experience a power disruption simulation on **4 February 2026** (Wednesday) as part of our school's participation in Exercise SG Ready 2026. It aims to raise awareness in our students for potential disruptions to our power supply (e.g. due to supply chain problems), given Singapore's reliance on fuel imports.

Power supply will be disrupted for two hours starting from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Students, however, can continue to purchase food items and consume them in the canteen. There will also be recess activities for students to learn lifesaving skills in an emergency, such as performing CPR and applying First-Aid.

During the CCE (FTGP) lessons that day, students will learn about managing different emergencies in class. They will also reflect on their experience and share their thoughts and feelings with their classmates.

Do ask your child/ward about the event and encourage them to share their learning with you and your family. You can share your own thoughts on Total Defence and other National Education events you attended when in school, and discuss how each of us can make a difference to Singapore.

## Chinese New Year Celebrations on Monday, 16 February 2026

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Our Chinese New Year celebrations will be held on Monday, 16 February 2026. This is an opportunity for students and staff of different races to come together and celebrate the Chinese tradition and culture. The school will be planning activities including a concert and the blessing of oranges.

Your child/ward should bring along a small bag with snacks, story book, colour pencils and a water bottle. She can also bring 2 mandarin oranges if she wants to participate in the blessing of oranges. Your child/ward can come in a red t-shirt underneath her pinafore with school shoes.

All students are to report to school by 7.25am and will be dismissed by 10.30am. To minimise overcrowding, we will implement staggered dismissal.

<b>P1 &amp; P2</b>	<b>P3 &amp; P4</b>	<b>P5 &amp; P6</b>
10.10am	10.20am	10.30am

There will be no afternoon activities that day, i.e. CCA, support lessons and enrichment programmes. The bookshop and canteen will also be closed on that day.

There will be no classes for all students on Tuesday, 17 February 2026 and Wednesday, 18 February 2026. Classes will resume on Thursday, 19 February 2026.

## School Uniform by Magdalene Sewing Centre

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Our school uniform vendor, Magdalene Sewing Centre, has responded to feedback from schools, parents and guardians regarding the blouse material. They have introduced a new, cooler material i.e. bamboo/polyester fabric for the school blouse.

The vendor will begin selling blouses made from the new material once existing stock is depleted. Currently, they have started selling the new material blouses for the smaller sizes. Please note that the prices will increase by \$1.00 due to the higher cost of the new material.

## Schedule for Weighted Assessments

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With reference to our Parents Gateway letter (reference no.: 2026OLN\_0032), we would like to clarify that the release of Term 1 Weighted Assessment dates via the school website can be found here:

<https://www.chijourladyofthenativity.moe.edu.sg/parents-and-students/school-calendar/>

## Absences from Weighted Assessments

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As with any school day, students should not attend school if they are **unwell**. Please arrange for your child/ward to see a doctor and submit the medical certificate to the Form Teacher upon return to school. This applies on Weighted Assessment days as well.

The purpose of assessments, including Weighted Assessments, is to check students' understanding and provide timely feedback to improve learning. While make-up sessions will not be scheduled for students absent from any component or paper, **students who miss written**

**assessments will receive the affected papers as an optional assignment.** They are encouraged to complete the paper at home independently in one sitting. The subject teacher will mark the assignment and provide feedback on progress. These marks will not be included in the Overall Performance computation for the year.

We seek your cooperation in teaching our students to be responsible and take ownership of their learning.

### **Updated Access Timing for School Gates 2026**

Following our recent sharing during the networking sessions on 30 January, and in our continued efforts to emphasise the importance of punctuality, all students must be with their classes by 7.30 am for morning assembly. This aligns with our school's GRACIA value of Responsibility.

To support this, the updated morning access timings for school gates will be as follows **from 9 February onwards:**

<b>Gate</b>	<b>Opening Hours during School Term (Mondays – Fridays)</b>
<b>Main Gate</b>	<p><b><u>7.00am to 7.35am</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Only for school buses and parents who are driving their children to school during this period.)</li> <li>• Should you arrive <b>earlier than 7.00am</b>, please let your child alight at <b>Side Gate 2</b>, located near the <b>HDB carpark at Blk 465A</b>.</li> </ul>

	<p><b><u>7.35 am onwards</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 7.35am., the barrier will be down, and <b>students who arrive late are to enter via this gate.</b></li> </ul>
Side Gate 1 (Behind the bus stop)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.30am to 7.45am (The gate will only open in the event of rain.)</li> </ul>
Side Gate 2 (Near the HDB car park at Blk 465A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.30am to 7.35am <b>Students who arrive late from 7.35 am are to enter via Main Gate.</b>  (The gate will remain open until 7.45am in the event of rain.)</li> </ul>
<b>Side Gate 3</b> (Near the School Main Gate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.30am to 7.35am <b>Students who arrive late from 7.35 am are to enter via Main Gate.</b>  (The gate will remain open until 7.45am in the event of rain.)</li> </ul>

## Dismissal Arrangement

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We would like to remind parents to make all necessary dismissal arrangements with their children in the morning before school begins. Parents/guardians are expected to discuss pick-up plans, after-school activities, or any changes to the usual routine with their children/wards at home. This avoids the need to relay messages during curriculum time, which disrupts lessons and interrupts the learning

environment for all students. This also serves as a good opportunity to instil responsibility and independence in our students.

Should an emergency arise, parents/guardians can contact the school office, but such calls should not become a habit. We appreciate parents'/guardians' efforts in planning ahead, as this helps maintain an uninterrupted learning environment for all students and supports us in developing responsible independent students.

## **The Use of Smartphones and Smartwatches**

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We would like to thank parents/guardians for your continued support and partnership in reinforcing the guidelines on the use of digital devices, as shared in the OLN Connect January communication.

As a reminder, students are not allowed to bring digital devices, such as smartphones and smartwatches, to school, except for those who have submitted the Request Slip via PG in Week 1.

For clarity, the definition of smartwatches is as follows:

- Fitness trackers with only simple functions such as time-telling and fitness tracking (e.g. step count, heart rate) are allowed, including the HPB Steps Tracker & POSB Smart Buddy Watch
- Smart wearables capable of advanced functions such as wireless communication (messaging, calling, social media, apps) and photo or video capture are not allowed

## Upcoming School Events

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
4 Feb (Wed)	Total Defence Day Celebrations	
9 - 11 Feb (Mon - Wed)	P5 GRACIA Camp	More details will be given later.
16 Feb (Mon)	Eve of Chinese New Year	School will be dismissed at 10.30am. General Office will operate till 1.00pm. More details will be given later.
17 - 18 Feb (Tue - Wed)	Chinese New Year Public Holidays	School will be closed. All students are to report on Thursday, 19 February 2026.
18 Feb (Wed)	Ash Wednesday	
19 Feb - 27 Mar (Thu - Fri)	Lenten Activities	
2 Mar (Mon)	Weighted Assessment: P3 English Language (EL), P4 Mathematics (MA), P5 EL	Please refer to Parents Gateway (PG) Letter Reference No.: 2026OLN_0032
3 Mar (Tue)	Weighted Assessment: P3 Science (SC), P4 EL, P5 Mother Tongue Language (MTL), P5 Foundation MTL	
4 Mar (Wed)	Weighted Assessment: P3 MTL, P4 SC, P5 SC for 5 Faith, 5 Hope, 5 Peace and 5 Truth	



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Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
5 Mar (Thu)	Weighted Assessment: P3 MA, P4 MTL, P5 MA, P5 SC for 5 Grace, 5 Joy and 5 Love	Please refer to Parents Gateway (PG) Letter Reference No.: 2026OLN_0032
6 Mar (Fri)	Weighted Assessment: P5 Higher MTL	
9 - 11 Mar (Mon - Wed)	World Water Week Commemoration	
13 Mar (Fri)	School-Wide Learning Journey (SWLJ) 1	Please refer to the following Parents Gateway (PG) Letter Reference No.: P1: 2026OLN_0061 P2: 2026OLN_0062 P3: 2026OLN_0063 P4: 2026OLN_0064 P5: 2026OLN_0065 P6: 2026OLN_0066
14 - 22 Mar (Sat - Sun)	Term 1 School Holidays	All students are to report to school on Tuesday, 24 March 2026.
23 Mar (Mon)	Day off-in-lieu for Hari Raya Puasa falling on a Saturday (21 March 2026)	

*We seek your understanding that there may be changes to the schedule of activities shared in this newsletter due to unforeseen circumstances. Please refer to Parents Gateway and our [school website](#) for copies of letters issued by the school.*