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Dear Parents/Guardian

2026 P1 FEBRUARY CIRCULARS

To families celebrating the Chinese New Year, we would like to wish you a happy and prosperous Lunar New Year in advance. May the year ahead bring joy, good health and abundance. We hope this festive season provides meaningful time for family bonding and rest.

In this set of circulars, you will find the information on the following programmes. Please refer to the table below for a list of circulars which you will be receiving. We seek your cooperation to follow up accordingly and adhere to the submission dates.

If you require any clarifications, you may contact the General Office at 6468 4377 or email the teacher-in-charge as indicated accordingly.

S/N	Item	Remarks
1	Chinese New Year Celebrations 2026	16 February
2	Total Defence Day & Exercise SG Ready 2026	
3	Supporting our Children's Cyberwellness & Purposeful Screen Use - Parenting with Confidence	Please refer to PDF attachment.
4	Consent for use of photos & videos	
5(a)	Invitation to participate in Magic Journal 2027 stickers design	Deadline on 29 June
5(b)	Invitation to participate in Magic Journal 2027 design for cover pages	Deadline on 29 June
6	Invitation to participate in Artwork Design for Publications of Chinese Literature Writings by RGPS students	Deadline on 30 April
7	Invitation to Join "RGPS Speaking Sprouts" – Public Speaking for Young Students	Please refer to Google and video links.

Thank you.

Your Partner in Education
Mrs Elaine Quek
Principal

1. Chinese New Year Celebration 2026

The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year on **16 February 2026, Monday**. Students will report to school at 7.30am and be dismissed from school at **10.30am**. As indicated in the Calendar of Events issued on 30 Dec 2025, kindly note that 17 & 18 February are public holidays. Students will return to school on Thursday, 19 February.

1.1. Attire

To create a festive mood for the occasion, students are encouraged to wear their ethnic costumes on that day with school shoes. If your child/ward prefers not to wear her ethnic costume, she is required to come in school uniform.

1.2. TTSB Project Hong Bao 2026

This year, our school is collaborating with the Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSB) Community Fund to participate in Project Hong Bao 2026 to nurture the spirit of giving among students while brightening the festive season for TTSB patients. This initiative encourages students to express care and compassion through creative giving. Students will design and colour their own red packets, then contribute by sharing part of their hong bao money to help those less fortunate. A QR code is included in this letter and will also be printed on both the red packet and the parent letter that students will bring home after the celebration, allowing parents/guardian to make donations with your child/ward conveniently.



Scan the QR code or visit
[for.sg/schoolspsb2026](http://tiny.cc/meyarw) to
submit your donation via
the online donation form.

1.3. Things to bring

There will be **no** lessons on that day. Students are required to bring the following items for their classroom activities during the CNY celebration:

Level	Things to bring for classroom activities
P1 to P6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">writing materialscolour pencils/ markersglue

There will be snack time as per the normal school day. Please also ensure that your child/ward brings food for her snack break in class.

1.4. Dismissal

Do make the necessary transport arrangements if your child/ward does not take the school bus home. Parents/Guardian will only be allowed to drive in to pick up the students after **10.40am**. Please observe traffic rules around the school and do not come to school earlier than the stipulated pick-up time for school dismissal. Enforcement actions may be taken against vehicles found parking indiscriminately or waiting before 10.40am.

Dismissal at Gate 1 will be staggered according to the following timings:

Time	Levels
10.20am	P1
10.25am	P2, P3
10.30am	P4, P5, P6

2. Total Defence Day & Exercise SG Ready 2026

As part of our school's commemoration of Total Defence Day and participation in **Exercise SG Ready 2026**, we have planned meaningful activities to help our students understand the importance of resilience and preparedness, while reflecting on their roles in Singapore's defence. The theme for this year is Together We Keep Singapore Strong.

2.1 CCE-FTGP TDD Lesson / Kindsville Times

Our students will be participating in Total Defence Day (TDD) lessons as part of their CCE-FTGP curriculum.

Through these lessons, students will be guided to:

- Develop an understanding that every Singaporean plays a part in defending our nation.
- Build important values such as Responsibility, Resilience, Gratitude, and Care for Others.
- Progressively strengthen their awareness of safety, preparedness, and contribution to the community and nation.

As part of the CCE-FTGP approach, learning is further strengthened through family engagement. We would like to encourage parents/guardians to partner the school by engaging your child/ward in conversations and activities related to Total Defence at home. In particular, parents/guardian are encouraged to:

- Participate actively with your child/ward in the CCE-FTGP Family Time Total Defence Day activities found in the CCE-FTGP Journal, and
- Engage your child/ward in Kindsville activities, which reinforce care, responsibility, and positive values through shared experiences.

Your guidance and encouragement play an important role in helping your child/ward deepen their understanding and apply these values meaningfully in their daily lives.

2.2 Recess Activities and Sweet Potato Sampling (23 February)

As part of our TDD activities, students will have the opportunity to sample sweet potatoes during their recess, giving them a taste of the food eaten during challenging times in Singapore's history. This experiential activity is designed to foster gratitude, resilience and an appreciation for resourcefulness in the face of adversity.

If your child/ward has any food allergies or intolerances, please write a note to keep her Form Teachers informed and remind her not to take the sweet potatoes.

2.3 Power Disruption Simulation Exercise

As part of our school's commemoration of Total Defence Day and participation in **Exercise SG Ready 2026**, our students will experience a simulated **power disruption** on **24 February 2026**.

This disruption exercise aims to prepare students for potential disruptions to our power supply (e.g., due to supply chain disruptions), given Singapore's reliance on fuel imports. In such a situation, electricity may have to be prioritised for more critical areas, and households and organisations, including schools, may have to endure disruptions in their power supply.

The exercise will occur during school hours, without advanced warning to students, to simulate how actual disruptions would unfold unexpectedly. Electricity will be switched off school-wide for approximately 2 hours, with lessons continuing throughout the period. Following the exercise, students will reflect on their experience and share their thoughts and feelings with their classmates through a guided discussion.

Parents/Guardians may wish to engage your child/ward in sharing his/her experience with you and reinforce the important idea that everyone has a part to play in total defence.

2.4 Learning Values and 21CC Through Experience

These TDD activities aim to nurture resilience, adaptability, civic responsibility and inventive thinking in students. By reflecting on challenges faced in the past, they gain insights into creative problem-solving and the importance of collective action in safeguarding our nation. This aligns with our commitment to fostering gratitude, a sense of community and the skills needed to thrive in the future.

We encourage you to engage your child/ward in conversations about these experiences to reinforce the key takeaway that everyone has a part to play in Total Defence. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Ms Cassandra Quek, HOD CCE, at quek_sock_cheng@schools.gov.sg.

We appreciate your continued support in partnering the school to provide our students with meaningful learning experiences that nurture their understanding of national values and responsibilities.

3. Supporting Our Children’s Cyber Wellness and Purposeful Screen Use – Parenting with Confidence

We would like to seek your support in reading the **attached slides on Supporting our Children’s Cyber Wellness and Purposeful Screen Use – Parenting with Confidence**, which contains important information on how the school and parents can work together to guide our children in navigating the digital landscape safely and responsibly.

In line with the national **Grow Well SG initiative**, schools are placing greater emphasis on helping students develop healthy, balanced and purposeful screen use habits from a young age. As our children increasingly engage with digital devices for learning, communication and entertainment, it is important that they are guided to use technology wisely and appropriately.

In school, students are taught age-appropriate cyber wellness lessons that focus on:

- Using digital devices for meaningful and positive purposes
- Communicating respectfully and kindly online
- Keeping personal information safe
- Developing self-control and balance in screen use

Parents/Guardian(s) play a key role in reinforcing these values at home. We strongly encourage you to read the attached circular carefully, as it provides guidance on how you can:

- Support your child/ward in making safe and responsible online choices
- Set clear expectations and boundaries for screen use at home
- Engage your child/ward in conversations about her online experiences

Your partnership is essential in ensuring that our children grow up to be responsible, discerning and confident digital users who are able to thrive both online and offline.

4. Consent for the Use of Photographs and Videos

The school usually takes photographs and videos of students engaging in activities especially during special school events and celebrations. These are then archived in the school's repository. Sometimes, the photographs and videos may be used in school publications such as newsletters, school website and publicity materials.

We would like to seek your consent for the use of these photographs and videos should the need arise. No further action is required if you consent to the use of photographs and videos of your child/ward. Otherwise, please email the school (rgps@moe.edu.sg) your child's/ward's name and class to indicate your non-consent by **13 February 2026**.

5(a) Invitation to Participate in RGPS Sticker Design Activity

If your child/ward has a flair for drawing, do encourage her to take part in the following RGPS Sticker Design Activity.

Name of Activity	Design Theme	Deadline for design	Size of Artwork	Medium
Stickers for Magic Journal 2027	Expressions of Gratitude and Encouragement	Monday 29 June 2026	About 8 x 4 cm for each sticker	Artist's choice including digital

Students will be using the stickers on gratitude/ encouragement notes for their peers or parents and sibling(s).

Requirements:

- Design 4 stickers to form a set. Stickers must be in colour.
- Each sticker must feature an RGPS school girl.
- Each complete set must consist of the 4 different phrases "I am grateful for you!", "Thank You!", "You can do it!" or "You are amazing!"

Samples of stickers for Magic Journal 2024



Important Notes:

- This activity is not a competition. **Only suitable designs will be selected.** A certificate/letter of acknowledgement will be awarded to students whose designs are selected.
- Participants are to submit the original hardcopies of their artworks through their art teacher (2026) by the deadline stated. Late submissions will not be entertained and the teachers' decision will be final.
- By submitting their artwork, participants agree to assign the copyright of their artworks to the school, even if the artworks are not selected for use. All copies of the artworks would be retained by the school.

5(b) Invitation to Participate in RGPS Magic Journal 2027 Cover Design Activity

If your child/ward has a flair for drawing, do encourage her to take part in the RGPS Magic Journal Cover Design Activity.

Name of Activity	Design Theme	Deadline for design	Size of Artwork	Medium
Cover Pages for RGPS Magic Journal 2027 (The front and back covers)	A Magical Year of Growth	Monday 29 June 2026	A5 For each cover page	Artist's choice including digital

Requirements

- Create a coherent and visually engaging graphic composition for both the front and back covers of the *Magic Journal*. The design must be in full colour.
- The design must prominently feature RGPS schoolgirl(s).

Important Notes:

- This activity is not a competition. **Only suitable designs will be selected.** A certificate/letter of acknowledgement will be awarded to students whose designs are selected.
- Participants are to submit the original hardcopies of their artworks through their art teachers by the deadline stated. Late submissions will not be entertained and the teachers' decision will be final.
- By submitting their artwork, participants agree to assign the copyright of their artworks to the school, even if the artworks are not selected for use. All copies of the artworks would be retained by the school.

For any queries, please contact:

Ms Cheng Sok Mung at cheng_sok_mung_a@schools.gov.sg or
Mdm Ho Shwu Huey at ho_shwu_huey@schools.gov.sg

6. Invitation to Participate in Artwork Design for Publications of Chinese Literature Writings by RGPS students

If your child/ward has an interest in art, do encourage her to take part in the design activity below:

Requirements:

Event	Design Theme	Deadline for design	Size of Artwork	Medium
Publications of Chinese Literature Writings by RGPS students	让心飞翔 Let your Heart Soar / Let your Heart Take Flight / Set Your Heart Free	30 April 2026	A4	Markers or Digital drawing (Images should be vivid and sharp)

The designs will be used as cover page, back cover and other sections.

There are no restrictions to the number of designs students can submit. Students are to submit the hardcopy of their designs to their art teacher (2026) by the deadline stated. All submissions must include the student's **full name and class**.

Important notes:

- This event is not a competition. **Only suitable designs will be selected.** A certificate/letter of acknowledgement will be awarded to students whose designs are selected. Their names will also be printed next to their designs in the publication. **Only shortlisted participants will be notified.**
- Late submissions will not be entertained and judges' decision will be final.
- By submitting their artwork, students agree to assign the copyright of their artworks to the school, even if the artworks are not selected for use. All copies of the artworks would be retained by the school.
- Should you have any queries, please email Ms Cheng Sok Mung at: cheng_sok_mung_a@schools.gov.sg

7. Invitation to Join "RGPS Speaking Sprouts" - Public Speaking for Young Students

We are excited to announce that "Speaking Sprouts" is back this year, following its success and overwhelming participation the last two years! This special programme is designed to help our young students develop confidence and communication skills through public speaking. It provides a supportive platform for students in Primary 1 and 2 to share their thoughts and ideas during extended recess.

Participating in "Speaking Sprouts" offers numerous benefits for your child/ward. It is a fantastic opportunity to build self-assurance, improve speaking abilities, and express herself in front of an audience. We believe developing these skills at a young age can positively impact a student's academic and personal growth.

We encourage you to discuss the programme with your child/ward and support her in taking part. Rest assured, we provide a nurturing environment to help participants feel comfortable and prepared.

Please take note of the following:

- **RGPS Speaking Sprouts** is open to all P1 and P2 students.
- This event is **not a competition** and certificates of participation will be given to all.
- Participation is based on a **first-come, first-served basis**, and slots are limited. No additional slots will be opened once they are fully subscribed.

For more details on the themes and to sign up, please refer to the provided Google document link-

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_e6sT9O797OVrM3hte50hpRpR1C-xpE9wLKlaig2RIU/edit?usp=sharing

A sample video from last year is available to guide parents and participants. It demonstrates what is expected during the programme, such as speaking clearly, showing enthusiasm and using hand gestures to enhance communication. Please click on this video link to watch-

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1i0YA0O6qlQmlibDTyA6Y-WZMJh7WT_3w/view?usp=sharing

We invite you to have a conversation with your child/ward about joining "Speaking Sprouts" and to consider the positive impact it can have on her confidence and communication skills. We are here to answer any questions you may have and to provide the support your child/ward needs to thrive in the programme.

We look forward to seeing our young students shine as confident speakers through "Speaking Sprouts"! If you have any questions about the programme, please email Ms Shahedah Khan at norshahedah_aslam_khan@schools.gov.sg