



### 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



## International Friendship Day (IFD)

This year's theme for IFD is "Forging friendships in a Complex World". Asia is the world's fastest-growing region and Singapore continues to facilitate closer economic, political, social, and cultural cooperation within ASEAN and in Asia.

The commemoration of IFD helps our students become more cognisant of the importance of maintaining friendships with and among our neighbouring countries, thus encouraging our students to play an active role in fostering ties.

We will commemorate IFD on Wednesday, 8 April 2026, with classroom activities. School hours will be as per normal and students should come in their school uniform and school shoes.

## Upcoming School Upgrading Projects

The school will be having 2 upgrading projects i.e. installation of air-conditioners in the school hall and renovation of toilets. The school will provide timely updates to staff and students on areas that they will need to avoid during this period and the reallocation of PE/CCA venues.

# General Information

## Interim Measures during Hot & Humid Weather Conditions till End of April

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To help our students manage the recent rise in temperature and humidity better, we will implement the following interim measures from now till the end of Term 2 (29 May 2026).

- a. Students are allowed to wear PE T-shirts with school shorts under their pinafores when arriving at and leaving school. Pinafores must be worn during morning assembly and dismissal prayer. Pinafores may be removed during classroom lessons and recess. Students will be reminded to put their pinafores back on before the dismissal prayer.
- b. Outdoor physical activities will also be minimised between 10.30am and 3.30pm when temperatures and ultraviolet levels are generally higher. Our PE lessons take place at Punggol Lower, the Indoor Sports Hall and the gym. These areas are sheltered and equipped with fans.
- c. There are ceiling fans, wall fans and standing fans in every classroom. Students are also allowed to have their portable mini fans on their tables to cool themselves, if necessary. Please remind your children/wards to label their possessions with their name and class.
- d. Students will be reminded to stay well-hydrated by drinking plenty of water throughout the day. There are water coolers on every level, and students can refill their water bottles easily. Do remind your children/wards to have their water bottles with them daily.

## **Sale of Hot Cross Buns at Recess on 2 April 2026**

In the spirit of Easter, we will be selling Hot Cross mini-buns (halal) at recess on **Thursday, 2 April 2026**. They will be sold in packs of 2 buns at \$2 per packet. If you would like to support this drive, ensure your child/ward has sufficient money to buy the buns on 2 April. The profits will be donated to CHIJ Sanctuary for Children Limited (CHIJSC).

## **Languages Come Alive! 2026 (13 - 15 April 2026)**

In celebration of World Book Day 2026 and our continued effort to nurture a love for reading and languages in our students, Languages Come Alive! returns with this year's theme, "Stories from Around the World".

In conjunction with International Friendship Day, students will embark on an exciting journey across cultures and countries, discovering stories from different parts of the world and gaining a deeper appreciation of diversity.

On **Monday, 13 April**, students are invited to showcase their creativity by coming dressed as their favourite or well-known storybook characters, or in ethnic costumes.

Students are encouraged to create simple costumes using recycled or upcycled materials. Teachers will also be sharing with students creative ways to create simple costumes and props through upcycling. As part of our sustainability efforts, we kindly request that costumes are not purchased.

We look forward to a joyful and imaginative celebration with our students!

### **P3 Resilience Race**

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The P3 students will be participating in the Resilience Race on **Tuesday, 21 April 2026**. The event will be conducted in the school hall or indoor sports hall during curriculum time. Students are to wear their PE attire with their school pinafore. Students will be informed of the timing by their PE teachers.

### **P4 - P6 Track On!**

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The P4 - P6 students will be participating in Track On! on the following days:

- P4: 30 April 2026
- P5: 29 April 2026
- P6: 23 April 2026

The event will be conducted in the school hall or indoor sports hall during curriculum time. Students are to wear their PE attire. Students will be informed of the timing by their PE teachers.

### **Home-Based Learning Exercise on 22 April 2026** <sup>Reminder</sup>

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The school will be carrying out Home-Based Learning (HBL) exercise on **Wednesday, 22 April 2026** for all students. The objectives of the Home-Based Learning exercise are:

- To establish effective learning continuity (school & home) during planned and emergency situations
- To cultivate self-directed and independent learners

Task sheets and schedules for each class will be published on the school website after 6pm on Tuesday, 21 April 2026 at <https://www.chijourladyofthenativity.moe.edu.sg/learn>

[-at-ij-oln/home-based-learning/](#). Subject teachers will brief students on the assignments nearer to the day of HBL. Details will also be posted on the Student Learning Space (SLS) Announcement Page. Students are not required to report to school on this day.

## **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 2 Weighted Assessment dates via the school website can be found here:

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

## **Praying the Rosary (4 - 29 May 2026)**

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In the Catholic tradition, the months of May and October are dedicated to Mary, whom we honour as the Mother of God. During the Marian month of May, the school community will come together to pray the Rosary each morning from 4 to 29 May 2026. Students are encouraged to be in school by 7.20 a.m. so that they can participate in this time of prayer.

Throughout the month, special prayer intentions will be offered for our students, families and the wider community. Students who have their own rosaries are welcome to bring them along for use during the morning Rosary sessions. We look forward to journeying together in faith and reflection as a school community during this Marian month.

## Beverage Container Return Scheme (BCRS) - School Implementation Update

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From 1 April 2026, Singapore will be implementing the Beverage Container Return Scheme (BCRS). This scheme aims to increase recycling of beverage containers and build better recycling habits. With this scheme, staff and students will pay a 10-cent refundable deposit when purchasing eligible beverages (metal cans and plastic bottles between 150ml-3L) that carry the official Deposit Mark.

Currently, the beverages, i.e. the 500ml bottled water sold in our school canteen do not carry the Deposit Mark, so the 10-cent deposit will not apply to drinks purchased at school. The canteen and vending machines do not sell any other form of beverages in metal and plastic bottles.

If BCRS-labelled bottled water becomes available in our canteen or vending machines, students will need to pay the deposit of 10-cent and can claim the refund at Return Right machines located at supermarkets and community areas outside the school. We will update the parents/guardians when the BCRS-labelled bottled water becomes available in the school canteen.

You may wish to note the following:

- Only containers with the official Deposit Mark are eligible for refunds
- Containers must be emptied, not crushed, and have intact labels and barcodes when returned
- There are no Return Right machines planned for installation within school premises
- More information can be found on <https://returnright.sg>.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to provide reusable water bottles for your children/ward as a sustainable and cost-effective alternative to purchasing beverages at school.

## **Safety Reminders**

### **Being Gracious & Considerate - Reminders on Safety**

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While waiting for your child/ward at the gates, do give way to other caregivers if your child/ward is not due for dismissal yet. We also seek your understanding and help **not to block access** to/from the overhead bridge and the passageway connecting the open-air car park next to Block 466A to the bus stop.

Do help us to convey this message to your child's/ward's caregivers e.g. grandparents, helpers etc. if they are the ones picking up your child/ward. Let us use this as an opportunity to role model the value of graciousness to our children.

Should your child/ward be driven to/from school, please do note the following:

- Get your child/ward ready a few minutes before alighting and enter/exit the car quickly so as not to hold up the cars behind
- Do not stop along Upper Serangoon Road especially at the bus-stop outside the school
- Do not sound the horn so as to be considerate to residents in neighbouring blocks. A little patience goes a long way. Let's all be gracious as there is no need to respond in kind.
- Drive carefully so as to ensure the safety of students and others. Please note there can only be one line of cars

once your car enters the HDB carpark (or the school in the mornings).

- If you need to leave the car, please park in an allotted space in the HDB carpark.
- The HDB carpark is most crowded 10 minutes before/after assembly and dismissal. Do adjust your drop-off/pick-up time accordingly.

## Achievements

We are proud to announce that our Pack 1 and Pack 2 Brownies have both attained Gold for the Puan Noor Aishah Award!

## Upcoming School Events

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
2 Apr (Thu)	Sale of Hot Cross Buns	
3 Apr (Fri)	Good Friday Public Holiday	School will be closed. All students are to report to school on Monday, 6 April 2026.
6 Apr (Mon)	Easter Paraliturgy	
6 - 8 Apr (Mon - Wed)	Easter Recess Activities	
6 - 10 Apr (Mon - Fri)	P6 NAPFA Test	During curriculum hours
8 Apr (Wed)	International Friendship Day	
13 - 17 Apr (Mon - Fri)	P4 NAPFA Test	During curriculum hours
13 - 15 Apr (Mon - Wed)	Cyberwellness Week	

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21 Apr (Tue)	P3 Resilience Race	During curriculum hours
22 Apr (Wed)	Home-Based Learning	<b>Please refer to March issue of OLN Connect.</b>
23 Apr (Thu)	P6 Track-On!	During curriculum hours
29 Apr (Wed)	P5 Track-On!	
30 Apr (Thu)	P4 Track-On!	
1 May (Fri)	Labour Day Public Holiday	<b>School will be closed. All students are to report to school on Monday, 4 May 2026.</b>
4 - 29 May (Mon - Fri)	Marian Month (Praying the Rosary)	Please refer to this issue of OLN Connect.
5 - 6 May (Tue - Wed)	P6 Oral Practice	After curriculum hours. More information will be given later.
11 May (Mon)	Weighted Assessment: P3 English Language (EL), P4 Mathematics (MA), P5 SC (Science)	Please refer to Parents Gateway (PG) Letter Reference No.: 2026OLN_0032
12 May (Tue)	Weighted Assessment: P3 SC, P4 SC, P5 Mother Tongue Language (MTL)	
13 May (Wed)	Weighted Assessment: P3 MTL, P4 EL	

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14 May (Thu)	Weighted Assessment: P3 MA, P4 MTL, P5 MA	
15 May (Fri)	Weighted Assessment: P5 EL, P5 Higher MTL	
25 - 26 May (Mon - Tue)	Parent-Teacher-Student Conference	There will be no school for P1 - P6 students. More information will be given later.
27 May (Wed)	Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday	School will be closed. All students are to report to school on Thursday, 28 May 2026.
28 May (Thu)	Founder's Day Celebration	
29 May (Fri)	School-Wide Learning Journey (2)	More information will be given later. In observance of "Eat with Your Family Day" on Friday, 29 May 2026, our General Office will close early at 5:00 pm to allow our staff to enjoy dinner with their loved ones.
30 May - 28 Jun (Sat - Sun)	Term 2 School Holidays	All students are to report to school on Monday, 29 June 2026.

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<p><i>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 for copies of letters issued by the school.</i></p>		