

CHIJ Our Lady of the Nativity



# WELCOME TO OUR IJ OLN FAMILY!

PI Orientation @ CHIJ OLN 2025

14 November 2025





# Welcome Address

Mrs Karen Tan  
Principal





# We are a Govt-aided Catholic Girls' school

- **Govt-aided:** We adhere to M0E policies and requirements like all M0E schools but are governed by the Infant Jesus Board of Management and under the purview of the Archdiocesan Commission of Catholic Schools (ACCS)
- **Catholic**
  - ... Prayer, Catholic programmes and activities
  - ... Values/Character education: moral and life values.
  - ... See perspectives beyond that of the individual's.
  - ... Service to the community





# We are a Catholic School


- The environment and our practices reflect our Catholic ethos.
- We share but not proselytise — the value of respect.
- Universal values.

## Meaningful Monday

**MEANINGFUL MONDAY**

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Psalms 118:14



A verse taken from Sunday's readings

**MEANINGFUL MONDAY**

- No matter what we face in life, we have God on our side.
- We turn to Him when we are in trouble
- God has saved us
- We thank God for His wonderful love



An explanation and interpretation of verse

**THINK ABOUT...**

Do you turn to God when you are faced with challenges or when you are feeling down?

In this week, let us offer up our worries to God and have faith in Him.



Reflection questions







# Programmes for Catholics



<https://chijourladyofthenativity.moe.edu.sg/our-catholic-identity/catholic-education/the-environment>

Our Founder – Father Barre

Mother Mathilde

School History

Catholic Education ^

The Environment

School-Wide  
Programmes for All

**Programmes for Catholics**

There are programmes designed specifically to help our Catholic students form their faith. Nevertheless, non-Catholics are welcomed to join in. Parents can inform their child's form teacher if they would like their child to do so.

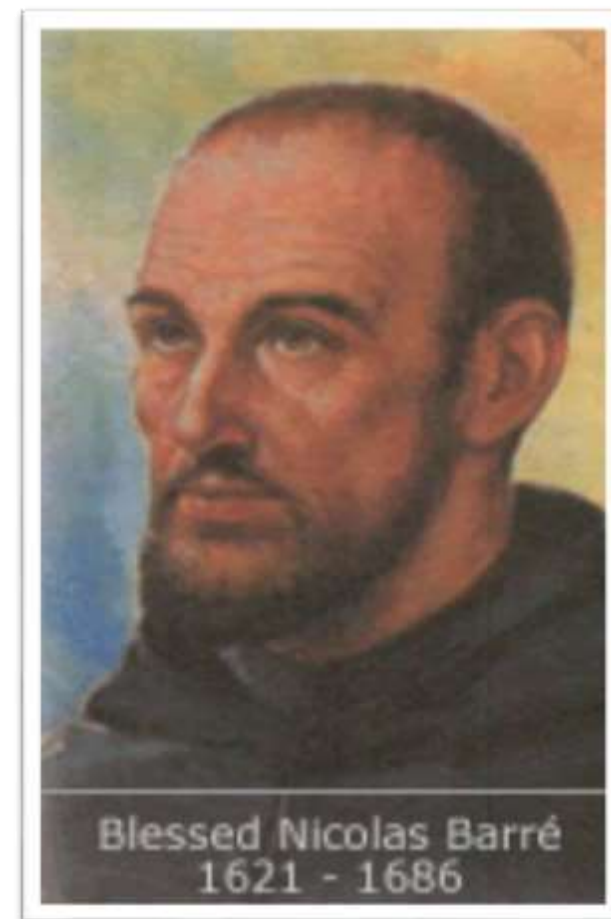
## Our TLC Lessons (Together Learning about Christ)





# We are a CHIJ school

- One of 11 CHIJ schools, affiliated to CHIJ St Joseph's Convent
- The mission of an CHIJ school is the creation of 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 **persons who are disadvantaged** in any way.
- School Motto: **Simple in Virtue, Steadfast in Duty**





# At CHIJ OLN

**Vision:**  
Girl of Today  
for Tomorrow



## Values:

Graciousness

Responsibility

Appreciation

Compassion

Integrity

Adaptability



# The IJ OLN Girl For Tomorrow



## A future-ready IJ OLN girl is:

- A life-long **learner** who is grounded in values, empowered to lead with initiative and serve with love and purpose.
- A gracious **lady** who makes a positive difference and uplifts others, in the spirit of friendship and inclusivity.
- A creative, critical and adaptive **thinker** who seeks to do good for the community and nation.
- An engaged **citizen** who understands global issues and supports humanitarian and environmental causes.







# Primary School Education

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# A Holistic Curriculum: the academics & more

## Character-focused

- Values-education lessons
- CCE & Social Studies lessons
- Values-in-action programmes
- Field Trips & activities
- Daily assembly, e.g. pre-assembly talks

## Physical Development

- PAL Programmes e.g. Outdoor Education, Sports & Games
- Physical Education programme
- Events, e.g. P2 Games On!

## Citizenship & Culture

- Commemorations e.g. International Friendship Day & National Day
- Mother Tongue Language Fortnight
- Celebrations, e.g. Hari Raya Puasa & Deepavali



## The Aesthetics

- PAL Programme e.g. Music, Dance, Drama & Art
- Art Programme
- Music Programme (Music Comes Alive!)





# Different Subjects at Lower Primary (P1 & 2)

- English Language
- Mathematics
- Mother Tongue  
(CL/ML/TL)
- Civics and Moral Education (CME)
- Social Studies
- Art
- Music
- Physical Education (PE)
- Programme for Active Learning (PAL) — Art/  
Music/Drama/ Sports & Games/ Outdoor Education
- Values Education (V-Ed)
- Form Teacher Guidance Period (FTGP)





# Changes implemented since 2019

- No tests or exams for the Lower Primary classes
  - Observation by teachers
  - Daily work & reviews
  - No tests & no dates will be given to parents
- Use of qualitative descriptors to report student learning in all subjects
- Edusave Awards to focus on consistent demonstration of learning dispositions in school

**What has not changed: Lower Primary years are vital for learning in the Middle & Upper Primary years**

The Escape Room was designed as a revision activity on Numbers within 40.

**ESCAPE ROOMS**

ROOM 1 ROOM 4  
ROOM 2 ROOM 5  
ROOM 3 ROOM 6

**PASSWORD CONTROL**

ROOM 1 ROOM 2 ROOM 3 ROOM 4 ROOM 5 ROOM 6

**ESCAPE ROOM 1** GET MY CLUE

30 28 40

**ESCAPE ROOM 5** GET MY CLUE

30 5 40 10 10 10  
20 10 10 10 10 10  
10 10 10 10 10 10

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: Primary 2C/F/G/H/I/J/L/P/T Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTORS		Beginning	Developing	Competent	Accomplished
CONTENT	Story has a clear beginning You have included: <input type="checkbox"/> time <input type="checkbox"/> place <input type="checkbox"/> characters				
	Story has a clear and detailed middle: <input type="checkbox"/> character's actions <input type="checkbox"/> character's feelings <input type="checkbox"/> use of adjectives <input type="checkbox"/> use of adverbs <input type="checkbox"/> use of linking phrases (e.g. time linkers, conjunctions etc.)				
	You have ended with a: <input type="checkbox"/> feeling <input type="checkbox"/> lesson learnt				
	You have used the following correctly: <input type="checkbox"/> spelling <input type="checkbox"/> punctuation <input type="checkbox"/> tenses <input type="checkbox"/> vocabulary				
Remarks:					





# Being an IJ OLN Girl

- Days of learning
  - Lessons filled with activities & reflection
  - Observation & reviews, & not tests
  - No birthday parties & goodie bags
  - Importance of regular attendance
  - Importance of home support
- Making friends & managing friendships
- Growing to be more responsible
  - Rules & consequences, e.g. remembering things





# Grow our girls to be healthy young ladies

- Sending the right signal:
  - Having good routines
  - Punctuality
  - Commitment & responsibility to school
  - Reasons for absences, e.g. MCs.
- Minimising distractions
  - Phones and smart watches are strongly discouraged
  - No toys & distractions in school
- Working together with the teachers:
  - Submission of documents
  - Communication with teachers





# Grow our girls to be healthy young ladies

- Screen Time
- Reading & creative activities
- Constructive Play
- Voice & agency
- Reiterating school vision, mission, values & motto
- Independence
- Self management
- Home support





# Working together, Home & School

Better together!



Growing our girls to be the teenagers and women that God intended them to be!

- Seek to understand what we do and why we do it
- Your daughter is important, so are the others: consideration for all and meeting multiple needs
- Model gracious behaviour







# My Child is Primary 1 Ready!

Mdm Hanizah  
Year Head (Lower Primary)





# Transiting to Primary 1

A smooth transition is made when your child:

- feels safe and comfortable in her new environment.
- is able to manage the daily challenges of school life.





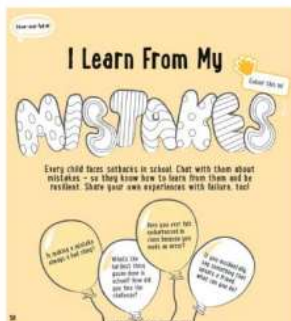
# Transiting to Primary 1

- A New Experience!
- Adjust to a larger learning environment
- Interact with more peers and teachers
- Adapt to longer school hours
- Become more independent and responsible





# My Child is P1 Ready



Refer to Tip 6 of Parent-Child Activity Book for an activity to encourage children to learn from their mistakes.



SCHOOLBAG  
THE EDUCATION NEWS SITE

HOME EDUCATION FEATURES TEACHERS' DIGEST MULTIMEDIA FAQ

Home > Put the books down! 6 skills your child really needs for P1

## Put the books down! 6 skills your child really needs for P1

14 JUN 2021



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# Transiting to Primary 1



<https://www.chijourladyofthenativity.moe.edu.sg/information-for-parents/p1-matters/>

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# Transiting to Primary 1



Schools may access the video via:

<https://go.gov.sg/transition-to-primary1>





# School Rules: Punctuality



- Be punctual. Students must be seated in the school hall/classroom before 7.30 a.m. (Monday – Friday).
- Parents/Guardians must sign the “Permission to Leave School” form in the General Office to take their child/ward home before the official dismissal time.







# School Rules: Attendance

- Attendance is compulsory for all school days, events and activities.
- Parents must inform the school (via Form teacher) if their daughter is absent. Please ensure that a medical certificate or letter of excuse is presented.
- The school will accept a maximum of 10 letters from parents/guardians per year for their child's/ward's absence from school.
- Students will be considered absent without valid reason should they go for holidays overseas or staycation during school term as curriculum time is important.







# School Rules- Late Coming

Number of Times Pupil is Late in a Semester	Action(s) to be Taken
1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Form Teacher(s) counsel student.</li><li>▪ Students to complete a reflection form if she is late for the third time.</li></ul>
4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Form Teacher(s) calls or meets parents/ guardians.</li></ul>
more than 6 times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Year Head / Discipline Mistress will speak with student.</li><li>▪ YH/ DM will call or meet parents/guardians.</li></ul>

**Refer to the Student Organiser for further information on consequences of late coming.**





# Recess and Snack Time in Class

- **Recess:** 9.00 am — 9.30 am
- **Snack time:** 10-minute snack break in class between 11.00 am and 11.30am
- Students are not to share snacks with their friends for reasons of personal hygiene and food allergies.
- Students will not be allowed to buy snacks from the canteen during lessons.





# School Rules: Attire

- Wear only white school socks and shoes.
- **Name tags ironed onto pinafore and school PE T-shirt**
- Be neat and properly attired in school uniform at all times, **inside and outside school.**
- Students to wear the pinafore over PE T-shirt on days when they have PE or PAL lessons.
- Please note that girls are to wear the pinafore on all days to school.





# School Rules: Appearance & Accessories

- Hair touches the collar must be tied up.
- Only plain black hair accessories are allowed
- Only small, simple and of a single colour ear studs allowed (no larger than 0.5cm in diameter)
- No hoops earrings are allowed.
- No smart watches, jewellery or accessories.
- No display of religious accessories.
- Students are not allowed to colour their hair.



Small & simple ear stud



hoop earrings





# First Day of School for Pri 1 students only: 2 January 2026 (Fri)

- Only 2 accompanying adults per child are allowed to come into the school
- Entry points from **Side Gate 2 or Side Gate 3** (gates will be opened at 7.00am)

**Note: Side Gate 1 at Bus Stop (during wet weather only)**

- Registration at the Indoor Sports Hall (Lower Ponggol), Level 2
- Students and parents will proceed to the school hall on Level 3
- Students will have their attendance taken by the teachers at the hall





# P1 Day 1 Programme

Time	Programme (Students) P1 classrooms	Programme (Parents) Hall
0710 - 0730 0730 – 0740 0740 - 0745	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Registration</li><li>Assembly at the hall</li><li>Proceed to classroom</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Registration</li><li>To proceed to the hall</li></ul>
0745 - 0930	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Class Time with Form teachers (FT)</li></ul>	Parent Engagement session
0930 – 1030	<u>Recess (Canteen)</u>	<u>Child's Recess (Canteen)</u>
1030 - 1230	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Class Time — Learning is Fun!</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ICT Hands on session</li><li>P1 Parent-Teacher Networking session (P1 Classroom)</li></ul> <p><b>*1215</b> End of Parents' Programme (Parents to leave the school premise)</p>
1230 - 1315	FT time + Snack time Pupils are to bring along their own healthy snacks.	
1320	Dismissal @ Lower Ponggol	Dismissal <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Those being picked up by parent / caregiver: ISH Lower Punggol (2 – 9 January): Please show ID/ email from the school for identification.</li><li>School Bus/ SCC: Hall</li></ul>







# P1 Back-to-School Programme (BTSP 2026)

Day 2 (Mon)	Day 3 (Tues)	Day 4 (Wed)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Class Bonding activity-Play@OLN</li><li>• Setting Class Routines</li><li>• Meeting my P4 Buddy Sister</li><li>• Recess with my Buddy Sister</li><li>• Class Time</li><li>• Admin Matters (collection of books &amp; files)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• V-Ed Activity: Making New Friends</li><li>• Class Time</li><li>• Recess with my Buddy Sister</li><li>• Setting Class Rules &amp; Expectations</li><li>• Library Programme</li><li>• Admin Matters (collection of books &amp; files)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Class Time</li><li>• Art &amp; Music Activity</li><li>• Recess with my Buddy Sister</li><li>• Mother Tongue Activity</li><li>• Admin Matters (collection of books &amp; files)</li><li>• Sisterly Love Activity</li></ul>



# Safety during Arrival and Dismissal

Mrs Catherine Michelle Beins  
Vice-Principal





# School Daily Routine

Activity	Time
Reporting Time	Before 7.30 a.m. (GLOW morning activities starts at 7.20 a.m.)
Flag Raising Ceremony	7.30 a.m.
Recess	9.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.
Snack Break	10 mins (between 11.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.)
Dismissal Time	1.20 p.m (2 Jan – 9 Jan -Lower Ponggol) 1.30 p.m. (12 Jan onwards -Side Gate 2 or 3)





# Safe Routes for Different Modes of Arrival

**School Bus:** Students alight at Bus Bay within School Carpark Area

**Public Bus/Walk/Cycle:** Students use Gate 2 or Gate 3 to enter the school

## Private Vehicles/Taxi

- Drop off points within the school (**speed limit @ 15km/h**)
- Drop off points at HDB carpark near Side Gate 2
- Park at designated lots within Multi-Storey carpark or open carpark before walking child to Side Gate 2.



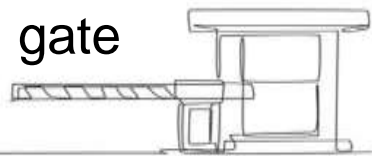


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Open carpark

## Overhead bridge

## Main gate



# Upper Serangoon Road



## Bus stop

## Side Gate 1

School Buses drop off  
before 7am

## Drop off 5

## Drop off 4

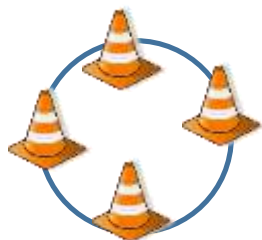
## Lower Ponggol Level 2

MSCP  
(Blk  
465A)

Open  
carpark

## Side Gate 2

Drive safely. **Do not overtake** the car in front, unless instructed by security officers / traffic marshals



Drop off 1

Drop off 2

Drop off 3



## Car Porch

Nativity Church





# Arrangements: Going Home

- You will receive a PG letter on **15 Dec 2025**. Please confirm your child's pick-up arrangements at dismissal.

A response by **20 December 2025** is much appreciated.

- School bus (bus number)
- Side Gate 2 (adult/s fetching students)
- Student Care Centre (IJOLN Student Care/other Student Care)
- Wait for older sister(s) at Lower Ponggol
- For the safety of your child, please inform her to wait inside the school, near either Side Gate 1 or Side Gate 2.







# Picking Your Child Up From School (Gate 2)

**2 January – 9 January ONLY**

- Dismissal Time : **1.20 p.m.**
- Pick-up Point : **Lower Ponggol**

**From 12 January onwards:**

Mon-Fri	1.30 p.m.
Pick- up Point	Side Gate 2

- Parents are not allowed to drive into the school at dismissal for safety reasons.
- Parents will be informed of any change in timing through PG, e.g. earlier dismissal on half-days.





# Pick-up Arrangements

**Do note that from Monday 12 January**

- P1 parents and caregivers will no longer be allowed to come into school to pick up their child.
- The teachers will walk the students to Side Gate 2 to meet parents and caregivers.
- For her safety, your child must wait for you inside the school.





# Going Home on the School Bus

- The bus vendor will provide coloured tags to be fastened on students' bags for easy identification.
- Form Teachers will bring the students to the bus waiting area (school hall) at dismissal.
- Bus drivers will account for students registered with them before leaving the school. Please inform the bus company and your child's teacher in advance if your child is not taking the school bus for the day. This is to avoid miscommunication or confusion.
- Buses will wait for students from other levels (P2 to P6) before moving off.
- For safety reasons, students **must remain seated** and **belted up at all times** when the bus is moving. Please help us reinforce this safety message.
- To contact the bus vendor, please call KW Bus Pte Ltd (8498 4950)





# Changes in dismissal arrangement

- Please call the General Office or text the Form Teacher if you intend to make any changes in the dismissal arrangements.
- Please inform the Form Teachers if there is a change of adult/caregiver whom you have assigned to pick up your child.
- The Form Teacher may not always be the one dismissing your child at Side Gate 2. As such, we would appreciate that you inform the school early of changes and that you do not make frequent changes.





# Communication with Parents

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# Communicating with your child's teacher

- Have regular conversations with teachers in both the academic and non-academic areas. This will help you better guide your child's development.
- Teachers will respond to work-related messages only during school hours, except for emergencies.
- Please note that the teachers may not be able to respond to your messages when they are having lessons or meetings.







# Communications

- School web page [www.chijourladyofthenativity.moe.edu.sg](http://www.chijourladyofthenativity.moe.edu.sg)
- School Organiser
- OLN Connect (monthly newsletter)
- Email Form Teacher (refer to school website for email address)
- Call General Office (Tel : 6385 2455)
- Parents Gateway (MOE mobile app for official communications, consent forms, travel declaration etc.)





# Overview of Mobile Apps



## Parents Gateway

Parents receive **announcements, letters, consent forms, make travel declaration** etc.

Hardcopies will not be disseminated to parents.

Parents give consent for participation in class/school activities.

Only **parents and authorised caregivers or legal guardians with Singpass** can access this.

Developed by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and used by all MOE schools since 2019.



## WhatsApp Business text messages

Allows for 2 way-communication between teachers and parents.  
Please note that teachers will respond to work-related messages only during school hours **(between 7am and 6pm)**, except for emergencies.

Teachers will share with parents their WhatsApp Business numbers for parents to join the groups they have created when term starts in January.

WhatsApp may be downloaded from  
Google Play Store or iTunes.

Parents do not need to download  
WhatsApp Business.





# IJ OLN SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS



[facebook.com/chijoln.official](https://facebook.com/chijoln.official)



[@chijoln.official](https://www.instagram.com/chijoln.official)





# Parent Support Group (PSG)

Mrs Angela Yang

Chairperson (OLN PSG)





# What I've learnt

1. Being a support for our girls to be independent & accountable
2. Being a partner with the school sharing the same GRACIA values
3. Being joyful, present, and a part of a community







# PSG Objectives @ OLN



To be a **SUPPORTIVE PARTNER** in Education



To be a **CONNECTING BRIDGE** between Parents & School



To be a **STRONG MAGNET** to encourage Parents' active involvement in our girls' growth

Kindle the Kampung Spirit: a community with respect and kindness for one another

Continue the spirit of the founding father (Nicholas Barre)





# SCHOOL EVENTS & PASTORAL CARE ACTIVITIES

- Catholic Events & Activities
- Teachers' Day
- Children's Day
- Cyber wellness
- Language Comes Alive
- Healthy Plate Challenge
- Chinese New Year decoration
- Teacher's Day Decor
- NAPFA testing
- Swimsafer chaperon
- And more!





# SOCIAL/BONDING/PARENTING EVENTS



**GLOW & GROW WITH YOUR CHILD @CHIJ OLN**  
PARENTING WEBINAR FOR P1 TO P6 PARENTS

## Play, Learning & Well-Being

Why is play important for children's development?  
How is play related to learning?  
How can I support my child to learn through play?  
How can I support my child to play safely in an online environment?

Come listen to Dr Hanin Hussain as she shares on play-based learning, and strategies for promoting well-being.

**FRI 24 OCT 2025**  
**4:30PM - 6:00PM**  
JOIN US VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

**MS TEAMS LINK:**  
<https://go.gov.sg/glowandgrowwithyourchild>

Dr Hanin Hussain is a senior lecturer at the Psychology and Child & Human Development Department, National Institute of Education. Her areas of expertise are physically active play, complexity thinking in early childhood education, curriculum design and development, and emergent curriculum.

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# Who can Help?

## Parents

Wishing to know the latest happenings in school & to be a part of it

Availing themselves to journey with our girls

Wanting to build rapport with other parents & share parenting tips





# What is Required of Us?

- Ongoing Duties — daily, weekly and monthly
- Ad-hoc Activities or Project basis  
eg. banner design for school events, bonding activities, dance performance, etc.





# How can We Help?

## Pastoral

(nurture and nourish Christian ethos and spirituality to the girls)

Recess Activities according to the Liturgical Calendar

Glow & Grow Family activities

Prayer Room Champions

Pastoral/Praying Parents

## Ongoing Duties

(regular duties during term time)

Fun with Languages  
6.45am – 7.15am

Arrival safety: Traffic / Gate  
6.50am – 7.30am

Recess Champions

Green Champions

Admin Support

## Events

(Schoolwide/by levels)

Commemorative Days/  
Recess Activities

P-One Orientation Booth

E-Open House

Social Events : Parents Play On

Life Skills Sharing Session  
(TBC)







# Scan to sign up for OLN's Parent Support Group



For further enquiries, please write to [chijolnpsg@gmail.com](mailto:chijolnpsg@gmail.com)

OR visit us at the booth!



**Scan to join the  
2026 P1 Parents Community!**





# THANK YOU!

**See you on  
2 January 2026 !**

Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the  
Lord and not men. Colossians 3:23

