



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



Principal's Message

A Blessed New Year to all our staff, colleagues, students and parents! We are glad to have our new Primary 1 students join our CHIJ OLN family. They begin an exciting journey as our school community works together to support their 6-year primary school experience. And to our Primary 2 to 6 students, Welcome Back!

Our theme for 2026 is "A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit" (Psalm 51:10). It is a call for us to pause, reflect and refresh ourselves, and encourages our girls to cultivate integrity, moral courage and a steadfast spirit that stays true to our values and purpose. It serves as a reminder for each of us to be better versions of ourselves in the coming year.

As we concluded a fruitful 2025, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to Mrs Catherine Michelle Beins, who has served faithfully as Vice-Principal at CHIJ OLN for the past 4 years. We wish her a blessed retirement. At the same time, I am happy to welcome our new Vice-Principal, Mdm Lum Cindy to the CHIJ OLN family. We look forward to the support which you will all give to Mdm Lum.

Let us continue working together to nurture "Girls of Today for Tomorrow" as we invite all parents/guardians to work in partnership with us in helping our girls grow and discover their potential.

Your partner in education,
Mrs Karen Tan
Principal

General Information

Primary 2 to 6 Arrangements for School Re-opening on Monday, 5 Jan 2026 **IMPORTANT!**

All P2 to P6 students are to report to school on Monday, 5 January 2026 by 7.25am.

- P2 students are to assemble at the Lobby
- P3 to P6 students are to assemble in the Hall

P2 to P6 students are to bring to school the following items:

• Report book (signed)	• Water bottle
• Story Book	• Pocket money for recess
• Stationery including colouring materials & a permanent black marker	where necessary
• A pair of scissors (P4 to P6 students only)	• Snacks
	• Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT)

Your child's/ward's teachers will let her know what to bring to school for the subsequent days.

Given that P2 to P6 students are familiar with the school, we seek your understanding that parents / guardians / care-givers will not be allowed into the school.

Updating of the Student Details Form (SDF) and Medical Conditions

You will be receiving a notification on the update of the SDF by Wednesday, 7 January 2026 for you to update your and your child's/ward's information: contact details, medical conditions and other personal particulars.

At the end of the PG notification, do click 'Yes' to enable us to also collect your child's/ward's dietary preferences for our records. This would be useful, e.g. for school camps.

Please complete the necessary update of information via the [Student Details Portal](https://pg.moe.edu.sg/forms/sdf) (<https://pg.moe.edu.sg/forms/sdf>) by Saturday, 31 January 2026.

In addition, if your child/ward is bringing medication / inhalers to school, please ensure that her Form Teachers are aware of this.

School Smart Card (SSC) for P1 and P6 students

MOE will be conducting the yearly photo-taking exercise for all students in Primary One (P1) and Primary Six (P6) for the purpose of generating the School Smart Card (SSC). The photo-taking will be conducted by SimplyGo Pte. Ltd. (SimplyGo)'s appointed vendor on behalf of MOE. The SSC serves as the student's identification card and can be used for concessionary travel on public transport and to borrow library books from the National Library Board and the school's library, amongst other usage.

The photo-taking session for P1 and P6 students will be conducted during school hours from 29 - 30 January 2026 (Thursday - Friday). Your child's/ward's Form Teacher will inform your child of the schedule by Tuesday, 27 January 2026. Your child/ward will need to be in her school uniform (i.e. school blouse and pinafore) for the photo-taking session. If she has a PE lesson that day, please ensure that she has her school blouse packed in her school bag. Do ensure that your child's/ward's hair is neat and tidy.

P1 students should be able to get their SSC by April 2026. For P6 students, the photo taken that day will be used for the SSC issued in 2026 when she goes to Secondary 1. For P1 students, while pending receipt of the SSCs, they can continue to use the Child Concession Card for free travel on public transport until 30 April 2026.

School Organiser

Each child/ward will be issued a School Organiser. All parents/guardians are encouraged to browse through the organiser to familiarise themselves with the information it contains. The School Organiser can also be used to communicate with your child's/ward's teachers. Please remind your child/ward to keep it safe as there will be no replacement for lost or damaged organisers.

Inculcating a Sense of Responsibility Reminder

Please do not bring books, bags, money etc., at the request of your child/ward. Should your child/ward forget to bring the items for that day, all she needs to do is to highlight this to her teachers. The teachers will do the necessary to ensure that she is able to participate in the lessons.

We seek your cooperation to inculcate in our students the need to be responsible and take ownership of their learning in school.

Birthday Gifts and Goodies Reminder

This is a reminder that the school does not accept goodie bags or food items from parents/guardians to be given to a child's/ward's classmates for birthday or other celebrations.

For P3 only - High Achievers' Learning (HAL) Programme

The tentative screening exercise is 26 August 2026 (Wednesday).

Bookshop Operating Hours

The bookshop supplier is BL Marketing Pte Ltd and the operating hours (for parents/guardians) are as follows:

	<i>2 to 9 Jan 2026 only</i>	From 12 Jan onwards
Monday to Friday	2.00pm to 4.00pm	12noon to 12.30pm

* All parents/guardians should use the main gate for entry into the school.

School uniforms tailored by Magdalene Sewing Centre are available for sale at the school bookshop from Friday, 2 January 2026 onwards. Please follow the timing in the above table.

Tentative School Closure Dates for 2026

We would like to share the tentative school closure dates for 2026:

Date / Day	Event
1 Jan / Thu	New Year Public Holiday
17 - 18 Feb / Tue - Wed	Chinese New Year Public Holiday (Please take note that eve of Chinese New Year i.e. Monday 16 Feb is a half day)
14 - 22 Mar / Sat - Sun	Term 1 School Holiday
23 Mar / Mon	Day Off-in-Lieu for Hari Raya Puasa
3 Apr / Fri	Good Friday Public Holiday
22 Apr / Wed	Home-Based Learning (HBL)

Date / Day	Event
1 May / Fri	Labour Day Public Holiday
25 - 26 May / Mon - Tue	Meet-the-Parents Session
27 May / Wed	Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday
30 May - 28 Jun / Sat - Sun	Term 2 School Holiday
1 Jun / Mon	Vesak Day Public Holiday
6 Jul / Mon	Youth Day School Holiday
31 Jul / Fri	P6 Preliminary Oral Examinations
10 Aug / Mon	Day Off-in-lieu for National Day
12 - 13 Aug / Wed - Thu	PSLE Oral
4 Sep / Fri	Teachers' Day School Holiday (Please take note that eve of Teachers' Day i.e. Thursday 3 Sep is a half day)
5 Sep - 13 Sep / Sat - Sun	Term 3 School Holiday
15 Sep / Tue	PSLE Listening Comprehension
2 Oct / Fri	Children's Day School Holiday (Please take note that eve of Children's Day i.e. Thursday 1 Oct is a half day)
12 - 14 Oct / Mon - Wed	PSLE Marking Exercise (Please take note that certain groups of students may be required to report to school. More details will be confirmed later.)
9 Nov / Mon	Day Off-in-lieu for Deepavali
12 Nov / Thu	School Administration Day
18 Nov / Wed	GRACIA! Celebrations
19 - 20 Nov / Thu - Fri	Parents-Teachers Conference (ePTC)
21 Nov - 31 Dec / Sat - Thu	Term 4 School Holiday

As these are only tentative dates, please look out for updates via PG or our monthly OLN Connect.

Updates for 2026

Reminder

School Hours - General

Please note the official school hours for 2026:

Mondays - Fridays: 7.30am - 1.30pm

Assembly will begin promptly at 7.30am, and students who are not with their class for assembly at 7.30am will be considered late. Please factor in the time taken for your child/ward to get to her class by 7.30am so that she is punctual for school.

Wet Weather Staggered Dismissal

Should there be a need for staggered dismissal due to inclement weather, we will dismiss the P1 students at 1.20pm, followed by the P2 students at 1.25pm. P3 and P4 students will be dismissed at 1.35pm while the P5 and P6 students will be dismissed at 1.40pm.

Recess Timing

We will continue to have 6 recesses in 2026. The recess timing is as follows:

Level	Recess Timing	Estimated Snack Timing
P1	9.00am	between 11.00am and 11.30am
P2	9.30am	between 11.30am and 12.00noon
P3	10.00am	between 8.30am and 9.00am
P4	11.00am	between 9.00am and 9.30am
P5	11.30am	between 9.00am and 9.30am
P6	10.30am	between 8.30am and 9.00am

**Parents/Guardians, please pack dry and healthy snacks for your child/ward to eat during snack time e.g. fruits, buns, biscuits.*

Access Timing for School Gates 2026

The access timing for the school gates will be as follows:

Gate	Opening Hours during School Term (Mondays – Fridays)
Main Gate	<p>7.00am to 7.45am (only for school buses and parents who are driving their children to school)</p> <p>Should you arrive earlier than 7.00am, please let your child alight at Side Gate 2 near the HDB carpark at Blk 465A.</p> <p>Parents who drive and pick up their children from school after dismissal, should park at the designated car park lots and wait at Side Gate 2.</p>
Side Gate 1 (Behind the bus stop)	<p>6.30am to 7.45am (the gate will be opened only if it rains)</p> <p>1.30pm to 2.00pm (P4/P5/P6 students will be dismissed via Side Gate 1)</p>
Side Gate 2 (Near the HDB car park at Blk 465A)	<p>6.30am to 7.45am</p> <p>1.30pm to 2.00pm (P1/P2/P3 students will be dismissed via Side Gate 2)</p>
Side Gate 3 (Located near the School Main Gate)	<p>6.30am to 7.45am</p> <p>This gate will operate exclusively during morning hours for student entry only.</p>

New Entry Gate - <i>Operational from 2026</i>	The introduction of Side Gate 3 serves two key purposes: to enhance student safety by eliminating the need for students to cross at the main gate to access Side Gate 2, and to improve traffic flow management during morning peak period.
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The Use of Handphones and Smartwatches

Students are not allowed to bring digital devices such as handphones and smartwatches to school. However, if you require your child/ward to bring a digital device to school, you will need to complete a Request Slip which will be sent out by Week 1.

Should your child/ward bring a digital device to school, it will have to be switched off during school hours. This includes recess, CCA and after-school programmes, e.g. support/supplementary/enrichment lessons. This means that your child/ward will not be allowed to use the device to make/receive calls or texts, take pictures or make any form of recording. The device must also be kept safely by the student.

Consent for Photographs, Video Recordings, other Visual or Audio Materials

Photographs, video recordings, and other visual or audio materials ("Media") of students and their parents/guardians may be captured during school activities including classroom lessons, co-curricular activities, camps, learning journeys, concerts, sports events, assemblies, and other school programmes, and may be used for educational documentation, school publications, website, official social media channels, publicity/marketing materials, internal training, sharing with relevant educational authorities or partner organisations, and/or other communication channels, public domain and archival purposes.

By enrolling your child/ward or participating in school activities, you are deemed to have consented to such capture and use, though you retain the right to withdraw consent at any time by providing written notice to the school.

Supplementary Lessons - P6

Supplementary lessons will begin for all P6 students from Term 2 onwards. The supplementary lesson schedule will be made known at a later date.

Higher Mother Tongue Language Lessons (HMTL) - P5 to P6

Higher Mother Tongue Language Lessons for P5 and P6 will commence from **Friday 9 January 2026** onwards.

Level	Day	Time
P5	Friday	2.15pm to 3.15pm
P6	Tuesday	2.15pm to 3.15pm

Higher Mother Tongue Language Lessons (HMTL) - P3 to P4

Higher Mother Tongue Language Lessons for P3 and P4 will commence from Tuesday 20 January 2026 onwards. The days / timings are as follows:

Level	Day	Time
P3	Tuesday	3.15pm to 4.15pm
P4	Friday	3.15pm to 4.15pm

Support Lessons - P4 to P6

Support lessons will commence for identified students from Tuesday 20 January 2026 onwards. The list of identified students and the support lesson schedule will be made known and Consent Forms issued to these students, by Friday 9 January 2026 via PG. The days and timings are as follows:

Day	Time
Tuesday	1. 2.15pm to 3.15pm
	2. 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Friday	1. 2.15pm to 3.15pm
	2. 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Support lessons for P3 will commence for identified students from Semester 2. More details will be disseminated later. There are no support lessons for P1 and P2.

Co-curricular Activities (CCA)

CCA will commence from Monday, 19 January 2026 onwards. The CCA schedule is as follows and the detailed dates will be published on the school website under the 'Learn @ IJOLN' tab by Wednesday, 7 January 2026.

CCA SCHEDULE 2026

No	Day 1 (Monday)	Timing	Day 2 (Thursday)	Timing
1	P6 Netball	2.15pm to 5.15pm	P6 Netball	2.15pm to 5.15pm
	P5 Netball	2.15pm to 5.15pm	P5 Netball	2.15pm to 5.15pm
2	P4 Netball	2.15pm to 4.15pm	P4 Netball	2.15pm to 4.15pm
	Netball Dev		P3 Netball	
3	P5 Floorball	2.15pm to 4.15pm (SEM 1)	P5 Floorball	2.15pm to 4.15pm (SEM 1)
		2.15pm to 4.45pm (SEM 2)		2.15pm to 4.45pm (SEM 2)
	P6 Floorball	2.15pm to 4.45pm	P6 Floorball	2.15pm to 4.45pm
	P3 Floorball	2.15pm to 4.15pm	P4 Floorball	2.15pm to 4.15pm
4	P5 Table Tennis	2.15pm to 4.15pm	P3 Table Tennis	2.15pm to 4.15pm
	P4 Table Tennis		P6 Table Tennis	
5	Bowling (P3 - P6)	2.15pm to 4.15pm	Bowling (P4 to P6)	2.15pm to 4.15pm
6	Dance Inc 1	2.15pm to 4.15pm	Brownies	2.15pm to 3.45pm
	Dance Inc 2			
	Dance Inc 3			
	Dance Inc 4			
7	Infocomm Media Club	2.15pm to 4.15pm	Choir	2.15pm to 4.15pm
8	Brass Band (Main Band)	2.15pm to 4.15pm	Brass Band (Junior (P3) & Main Band)	2.15pm to 4.15pm
9	P5 Creative Crew	2.15pm to 3.45pm	P3 Creative Crew	2.15pm to 3.45pm
	P6 Creative Crew	2.15pm to 3.45pm	P4 Creative Crew	2.15pm to 3.45pm

CCA teachers will inform you directly should there be a need for the CCA to commence earlier or should extra training days be required e.g. preparation for competitions.

Commencement of School Bus Transportation for After-School Activities

KW Bus Services Pte Ltd will resume its services for after-school activities i.e. Support Lessons and CCAs from Monday, 19 January 2026 onwards.

If your child/ward is currently taking the school bus and the drop-off from the school is up till 4km based on the Google Map distance, you can consider booking this service by contacting the vendor at 8498 4950 at least 3 working days in advance. Each trip will cost \$8.00.

Safety Matters

Keeping CHIJ OLN a Safe Environment for Students

We seek your support to keep our school a safe environment for students:

- If your child/ward is unwell, please ensure that she stays at home and seeks medical attention if necessary.
- If your child has a communicable disease e.g. Covid-19, Hand-Foot-Mouth Disease and Chicken Pox, please inform the school immediately.
- Do let us know if your child/ward has recently been vaccinated against Covid-19. This would help us ensure that she does not participate in the PE classes / Sports CCAs for 14 days after the vaccination.
- Mask-wearing for staff and students in school is optional. However, if your child/ward is recovering from respiratory-related illnesses, please encourage her to exercise social responsibility e.g., by wearing a mask, by minimising social interactions with big groups.

We appreciate your support and will continue to work with you closely to keep all students safe. Let us all do our part to exercise personal and social responsibility.

Being Gracious & Considerate - Reminders on Safety

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
- Not stop along Upper Serangoon Road especially at the bus-stop outside the school
- 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.

CHIJ OLN has 1440 students and as such, there are large numbers of cars, caregivers, and children coming in and going out through our gates each day. Let us always be good role models for our children and their friends.

Students' Accident Protection Scheme for 2026

MOE has continued to engage Income Insurance Limited to manage the Students' Accident Protection Scheme for 2026. This insurance covers students for accidents that may occur during school hours, during school-related activities, and while students are travelling directly to and from school, subject to the policy's claim limits. The insurance premium is borne by MOE.

You can refer to <https://www.income.com.sg/studentgpa> for more information on the coverage. It has been strongly recommended that students seek treatment at public healthcare institutions to ensure sufficient coverage under the MOE GPA insurance scheme. As private hospitals charge significantly higher medical costs, there may be more out-of-pocket expenses for parents/guardians as there are caps to the MOE GPA insurance. Please note that all claims are subject to the policy terms and conditions.

We have attached the detailed factsheet to the PG announcement for the January issue of OLN Connect. It outlines the specific coverage details, online claim procedures, and important terms and conditions.

Home News

We warmly welcome the following staff to the CHIJ OLN family:

- Mdm Lum Cindy (Vice-Principal)
- Mdm Tan Chay Shwan (Year Head)
- Ms Teh Chiew Guek (Subject Head NE/SS)
- Ms Arlette Teo (Senior Teacher)
- Mdm Sharon Tan (Teacher)

- Ms Wu Meiqi (Teacher)
- Mdm Meng Xiaolin (Teacher)

We would like to extend our appreciation to our Vice-Principal, Mrs Catherine Michelle Beins who has retired from service on 31 December 2025.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to the following staff who will have left the school with effect from 31 December 2025:

- Mrs Joycelyn Trevor
- Mdm Nurul Murny
- Mdm Sim Suat Lee
- Mdm Pang Woei Ru
- Mr Ng Yee Hong

Upcoming School Events

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
1 Jan (Thu)	New Year Day Public Holiday	School will be closed.
2 Jan (Fri)	School reopens for 2026 P1 students only	
5 Jan (Mon)	School reopens for 2026 P2 - P6 students	
2 - 7 Jan (Fri - Wed)	Back to School Programme	Classes for P2 to P6 will begin on 5 Jan.
9 Jan (Fri)	Commencement of P5 & P6 HMTL classes	
19 Jan (Mon)	Commencement of CCAs	
20 Jan (Tue)	Commencement of Support Lessons	
20 Jan (Tue)	Commencement of P3 and P4 HMTL lessons	

Upcoming School Events

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
29 - 30 Jan (Thu - Fri)	P1 and P6 Photo-Taking for School Smart Card	Please refer to this issue of OLN Connect.
30 Jan (Fri)	P2 to P6 Networking	Please refer to PG letter reference no. 2026OLN_0038.
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.
<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 and our school website for copies of letters issued by the school.</i></p>		