



School Notification: 037/2026

2 March 2026

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

February has been a meaningful and celebratory month for our school community as we held our Prefects Investiture and embraced the joy of the Chinese New Year season. We also extended our warm wishes to our Muslim students, families and staff who have begun their fasting month in preparation for Hari Raya.

As Term 1 draws to a close, we would like to provide an update on the key programmes and updates for the month of March.

1. Achievement, Affirmation and Appreciation

The Raffles Scholarship (Primary 5-6) is an obligation-free scholarship established in 2010 to ensure that students who have demonstrated good conduct and positive attitude in their academic work and co-curricular activities will have opportunities to excel in their studies.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following student for being awarded this Scholarship:

Name of Student
MUHAMMAD JAZLI KHALISH BIN SHAHFUDIN (P5 RESPECT)

2. Citizenship and Character Education

For March, the 'Value of the Month is **Integrity**. Our foci are as follows:

Habit 1: Be Proactive: I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking

Habit 1: Be Proactive: I do not blame others for my wrong actions

Integrity means upholding what is good, just and true even when no one is looking. In FTGP lessons, Primary 2 students are taught to practise Stop, Think, Do as part of their decision-making process in demonstrating integrity. You can use this approach to help your child develop integrity. Please refer to the resources on Stop, Think, Do found in the FTGP and The Leader In Me (Annex A-1) and have a conversation with your child.

3. Travel Declaration for 2026 March Holidays

To ensure that schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, parents/guardians are required to submit a travel declaration for your child/ward if he/she will be travelling during the holidays.

If your child/ward is travelling, please complete the travel declaration and indicate clearly both the country and city of travel via the Parents' Gateway (PG) app by **Friday, 6 March 2026**. Only one parent is required to make the declaration. If your child/ward is not travelling during the holidays, no action is required.

When planning your child/ward's travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates. If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please inform the school as soon as possible. Thank you for your partnership and support in keeping our school safe.

4. Direct School Admission (DSA)

Students can apply for DSA-Sec based on a wide range of talents, including:

- Sports and games
- Visual, literary and performing arts
- Debate and public speaking
- Science, mathematics and engineering
- Languages and humanities
- Uniformed groups
- Leadership

For those who are keen to explore the DSA route, you may consider taking the March Holidays to doing the following:

- Work with your child to explore their strengths and interests.
- Visit the respective secondary schools' websites to find out more about the DSA talent areas offered, as well as details of the selection process (e.g. trials, interviews and portfolio requirements). Schools typically update this information by late April.
- Attend Open Houses organised by the secondary schools with your child when they are announced closer to the DSA application period.

You may also refer to the Ministry of Education's DSA webpage for further information: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/dsa>.

5. Termly Recycling Drives – Tuesday, 3 March 2026

As part of the school's ongoing efforts to nurture our students as environmentally responsible individuals, we will be holding our first Recycling Drive of the year next week. This initiative supports our commitment to building a brighter and more sustainable, zero-waste future.

We would like to invite our students to bring the following items for recycling:

- Plastic bottle caps and plastic bottles (500–1000 ml)
 - *Please rinse them thoroughly, dry them and separate the bottle caps from the bottles.*

- Paper / newspapers
 - *Ensure these are dry.*
- Metal cans
 - *Rinse them thoroughly and clean them. Please ensure there are no sweet drinks inside.*
- Electronic waste (e-waste)
 - *Items such as laptops, tablets, phones, switches, cameras, small audio equipment, batteries, hard drives, CDs/DVDs, etc.*

Students may deposit their recyclables at the back of the canteen between 7:15 am and 7:30 am, or during their recess on Tuesday 3 March. There will be clear labels indicating the collection points for the various houses and a dedicated bin for e-waste.

We look forward to your child's active participation in this meaningful effort. Thank you for your continued support in our journey towards a greener and more sustainable Earth.

6. Home-based Learning

Home-based Learning (HBL) empowers students to take greater ownership of their education by fostering independence and self-directed learning. Through HBL, students develop into digitally competent 21st-century learners who collaborate effectively and use digital tools to meaningfully co-construct and share knowledge. It also ensures that students are well-prepared to transition smoothly to fully online teaching and learning in the event of a nationwide school closure.

Students will not attend school on the following HBL days and will complete their assignments via the Student Learning Space:

Level	Date
P1 to P6	Thu, 28 May 2026
P3	Thu, 24 Sep 2026
P4	Fri, 25 Sep 2026
P5	Tue, 29 Sep 2026
P6	Selected days after PSLE

More details will be provided by your child's subject teachers nearer the date.

7. Road safety

We would like to remind all students to practise responsible behaviour when using public transport. Students should wait patiently at bus stops, board and alight in an orderly manner, and remain seated or hold on firmly to the support while on the bus. When crossing roads, please ensure that they use designated pedestrian crossings, wait for the green man signal, and check for oncoming vehicles before crossing. Playing, pushing, or running near roads and bus bays is unsafe and strictly not allowed. Your support in reinforcing these safety habits at home will help us keep every child safe on their journey to and from school.

8. Sports-for-All – Fri, 13 March 2026, 7.30am to 10.30am

Our Sports-for-All event will take place as scheduled on Friday, 13 March 2026, for all P1 to P6 students.

Primary 1 and Primary 2 students will participate in a series of station games and a Spartan Junior Race. These activities provide a fun and engaging platform for them to demonstrate and apply their fundamental movement skills.

Primary 3 to Primary 6 students will compete in the preliminary rounds of Captain's Ball and Tchoukball from 9 to 12 March (Monday to Thursday) during curriculum hours. The events will culminate in the finals on 13 March.

Although recent disruptions to our school's sports facilities led to the cancellation of House practices, students have continued their preparations during PE lessons. Their enthusiasm and readiness reflect the resilience and unity of our First Toa Payoh Primary School community as we keep our House spirit strong.

Students should report to school in their PE attire (blue T-shirt and shorts) and are strongly encouraged to bring a water bottle. There is no need to bring any books on that day.

Dismissal times are as follows:

- P1 and P2: 10.15am
- P3 to P6: 10.30am

School bus services will operate as usual. Parents of students who do not take the school bus are kindly requested to make the necessary dismissal arrangements.

9. School Activities (2 March 2026 to 10 April 2026)

The school will provide further details as necessary closer to the date, otherwise the schedule below serves as a notification.

Date	Activities	Levels & Classes Involved	Remarks
Fri, 13 March 2026	Sports-for-All	All	

Date	Activities	Levels & Classes Involved	Remarks
Mon, 16 March to Sun, 22 March 2026	School Holiday	All	
Mon, 23 March 2026	Off-in-lieu for Hari Raya Puasa	All	
Fri, 27 March 2026	Hari Raya Celebration	All	
Mon, 6 April 2026	Start of P3 Swimsafer (Total of 8 sessions, every Monday)	P3	More details will be given on PG nearer the date
Fri, 10 April 2026	International Friendship Day	All	

Finally, we wish all our students a meaningful and rejuvenating March break. May this holiday be a time of rest and quality family bonding. We look forward to seeing our students return refreshed and enthusiastic for Term 2 on Tuesday, 24 March 2026.

To our Muslim students and families, we wish you a blessed Ramadan and a joyous Hari Raya celebration.

Happy Holidays!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jennifer Choy (Principal)
Mrs Cheryl Lim (VP)
Ms Tay Yam Eng (VPA)