

SJIS Weekly Update

31st October 2025



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This Week's Highlight at SJIS

Diwali Gala and Dress Up Day

We are excited for our Diwali Gala next week on Friday,
7th November from 2:30pm!

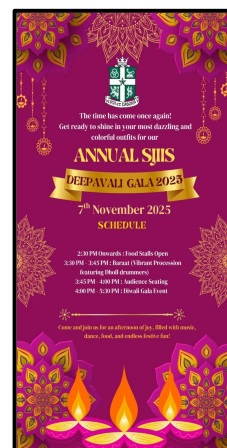
Join us for a colourful evening with food stalls, a dhol procession, a fashion show and vibrant performances led by teachers, parents, and students across both schools.

Please note that if you have not registered using [this form](#) and picked up a ticket from the ES office, entry may be denied. **Tickets are ready collection from Monday, 3rd November.**

On Friday 7th November, we will also celebrate with a whole-school Diwali dress-up, so please have your outfit ready for this joyful occasion.

Upcoming Events:

- 5 Nov - Sixth Form Consultation
- 7 Nov - Diwali Dress-up day and Diwali Gala
- 5 Dec - Christmas Fair



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SJIS Christmas Fair 2025 – Living Christmas in Our Hearts



Mark your calendars for **Friday, 5th December 2025**, as we come together for our annual **SJIS Christmas Fair**! The day will be filled with festive joy, games, and community spirit.

- **9 a.m. – 2 p.m.:** Christmas games and activities for students
- **2 p.m. – 4 p.m.:** Festive Christmas Food Fair with delicious treats and carolling

Parents are warmly invited to set up booths or tables to host games, sell food and drinks, and join in the fun. Kindly register your participation by **10th November 2025** by emailing **ccc@sj-international.edu.my** or contacting **Anu Mathew (012-714 8573)** via WhatsApp.

Let's celebrate the season of giving and joy — *Living Christmas in Our Hearts!*

Poster link [here](#).

SJIS CHRISTMAS FAIR 2025

LIVING CHRISTMAS IN OUR HEARTS

5TH DECEMBER 2025

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS	NOTES
CHRISTMAS GAMES & ACTIVITIES 9AM-2PM Free games and activities for students	PARENTS' BOOTHS Parents are warmly invited to set up booths/tables to host games & activities for students (9 AM – 2 PM) as well as sell food & drinks (2 pm – 4pm).
FESTIVE CHRISTMAS FOOD FAIR 2PM-4PM Parents are invited to join in & enjoy delicious food and drinks & Christmas carolling to celebrate the season	HS STUDENTS' FOOD SALE There will also be an opportunity to host a food sale for High School students only (12.30 PM – 1.45 PM) at the MPH area.

INTERESTED PARENTS

KINDLY REGISTER YOUR PARTICIPATION BY 10TH NOV 2025.

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ISQM Parent Feedback Survey

On Monday 27th October, Mr Cairns wrote to parents to complete an ISQM Survey. The Survey will close for responses on **Monday 3rd November** so please complete it before the deadline.

The feedback you provide will be directly used to help us strengthen key areas like **pupil achievement and progress, curriculum, student wellbeing, resources, school leadership, and our partnership with you at home.**

The link to the survey can be found [here](#). Whilst the survey is anonymous and we are not collecting emails, you will need to login using your school email.

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If you hear or see something that concerns you about the safety and well-being of our students, please contact a member of our Safeguarding Team

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

Updates on Safeguarding Team

New roles to the safeguarding team this year; Mr. Boyce will be taking the lead as the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead for the High School, while Mr. Manus will oversee safeguarding matters involving external coaches and sports activities.

In addition, we have introduced Safeguarding Education team to strengthen our students' understanding of personal, social, health, relationships, and online safety. Ms. Willoughby and Ms. Chin have been appointed to lead this important area of our provision.

Remember that you can view our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy on the school website [here](#).

Whole School Lockdown



This week, on 29th October, we conducted a successful lockdown drill to ensure that all students, staff, and visitors are prepared to respond swiftly and safely in the event of a potential threat. The drill helped us practise calm and orderly behaviour, test our communication systems, and identify areas for improvement in our emergency response plan.



Diwali Reminder

🌟🎉 Diwali Gala – **Friday 7th Nov!** 🎉🌟 Parents, the big day is nearly here! Our Diwali Gala will be an epic celebration with:

- A dazzling fashion show (teachers from both schools!)
- A lively bhangra dance with parents
- A joyful showcase of our Lasallian family spirit

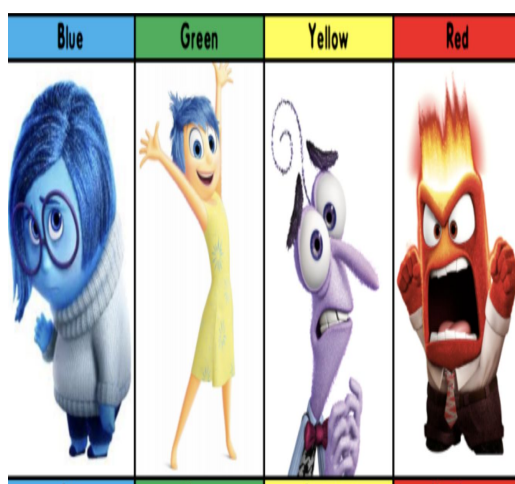
🛍️ **Don't forget to get your child's festive outfit ready—let's light up the stage together!**

This week's Assemblies

Zones of Regulation

This week, students across the school took part in our **Zones of Regulation assemblies**, exploring how to recognise and manage their emotions. Through engaging stories, role-play, and reflection, they learned that everyone moves through the different Zones — Blue, Green, Yellow, and Red — and that it's okay to feel them all.

Teachers joined in the fun too, modelling different Zones and sharing simple regulation strategies that help them return to the Green Zone. The assemblies sparked great conversations about emotional awareness, empathy, and self-regulation — important steps towards building a calm, connected school community.



Parent Wellbeing Talk

ES Parents Workshop 1.1: 5 Love Languages in Action was filled with warmth and connection!

Parents' smiles, sharing, and enthusiasm brought the message to life — that love is a universal language everyone understands, and giving love fills both others' and our own "love tanks". 🧡



Early Years Stay & Play

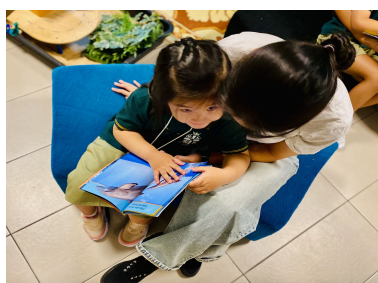
On Friday morning, prospective parents and children were invited to explore our Early Years classrooms and outdoor areas. Head of Year Ms Samar delivered a presentation about the EY curriculum, The Virtues Project, and the spirit and significance of continuous provision in early childhood education. Children had a lovely time painting, climbing, role-playing and acclimating themselves with the environment and teachers. It was a delightful morning filled with new friendships, exploration, and excitement for the learning journey ahead.

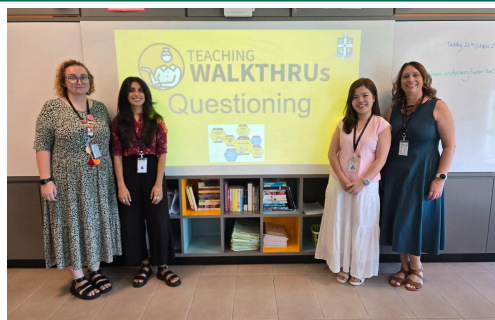


Welcome to Cosy Reading with Reception

This week we had the pleasure of inviting our Reception families in for a workshop and cosy reading session with our pupils. The aim of the workshop was to highlight the importance of fostering an enduring love for books in early childhood, and encouraging children to experience reading as an opportunity for discovery and shared connection, rather than a performatory task to be evaluated. Head of Early Years Ms Samar and Reception Class Teacher Ms Alyssa provided insight into the purpose of wordless books, and strategies for using them in order to nurture skills relating to literacy, PSED and communication and language.

For the rest of the morning session, parents and children came together for a cosy reading time and a little snack as Reception children had used their early literacy skills to follow a recipe and bake cookies for their parents. Together, they enjoyed exploring wordless books and other wonderful selections from our class library.





Teaching & Learning Update

Following the launch of the **WalkThrus initiative** earlier this term, we are pleased to share an update on the next stage of this work.

As you know, the High School has begun implementing a series of shared classroom practices drawn from UK educator and author **Tom Sherrington's WalkThrus**. These concise, five-step strategies focus on key areas of pedagogy designed to strengthen teaching and learning across the school and enhance student progress.

After the initial launch, staff have now completed **coaching training** to support their collaboration with their **Teaching & Learning Partner** (another HS colleague). This training has focused on how teachers can work together to develop and refine classroom practice around a shared WalkThru strategy.

This term's WalkThru focus is on **questioning for learning** - exploring how effective questioning can deepen thinking and engagement. During this week's professional learning session, **Ms Parker, Ms Goldman, and Ms Ying Ying** led knowledgeable and practical demonstrations of these techniques. These sessions have prepared staff for the next phase: **peer observations and feedback**, as teachers continue to learn from one another and embed these strategies in their everyday practice.

Ms Ellis (Assistant Principal: Teaching & Learning) looks forward to sharing further information on this initiative with parents in Term 2.



End of Year Trips High School

We are absolutely thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new, student-centred Camps Programme for 2026. This exciting initiative is the result of extensive planning, incorporating valuable feedback we've received from both students and parents regarding our annual trips. The camps will take place between **23–26 June, 2026**. Our exciting trips programme will be based around three core experiences: **Beach, City, and Jungle**.

Students will be able to choose from the following initial trip locations, based on their Key Stage:

KS3 (Year 7–9): Lumut (Beach), Melaka (City), and Semenyih (Jungle).

KS4 & KS5 (Year 10–13): Redang (Beach), Penang (City), and Bentong (Jungle).

We are pleased to confirm that the cost for each camp is **RM2,000**.

Parent Consultation Meeting 12th November 2025

[Please Click Here to RSVP](#)



Sixth form consultation

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to invite you to a key consultation session where your insights and feedback will directly shape the future of our Sixth Form programme.

As we look to **review and renew** our post-16 provision, we are eager to hear your thoughts on its current state and gather your valuable ideas on what we, as a school, can do to **improve and enhance** the opportunities we offer our students.

Your contribution is especially timely and important as this feedback will be highly helpful to our incoming Head of Sixth Form, Ms. Anu Warriar, as she prepares to lead the programme forward.

Session Details:

- **Date** - Wednesday 5th of November
- **Time** - 8:30 - 9.30 am
- **Location** - TBC
- **Focus** - Review of current Sixth Form provision and sharing ideas for improvement.

This is a wonderful opportunity to partner with the school in fostering academic excellence and expanding opportunities for all our Sixth Form students

To confirm your attendance and assist us with arrangements, please **RSVP** by confirming your attendance in the form below.

[Sixth form consultation RSVP Form](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to this important session.

Kind regards,

Matt O'Shea

Deputy Principal (Head of High School)



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