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From the Principal's Office

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Dear Parents/Guardians



A very warm welcome to the new school year!

This year is a significant milestone for NorthLight School (NLS) as we celebrate our 20th Anniversary.

Though 20 years may not seem long, NLS has grown from strength to strength — thanks to the dedication of our staff and stakeholders, past and present, who have shaped the school into what it is today.

We remain steadfast in our mission to provide an engaging, futureoriented and values-focused education that prepares our youth for employability and lifelong learning.

To mark this milestone, our anniversary theme "Stronger, Bolder, Brighter – NorthLight @ 20" captures the essence of our journey and aspirations.

We are honoured that **President Tharman Shanmugaratnam**, who played a key role as then-Minister for Education in the establishment of NLS, will be our Guest-of-Honour at the anniversary celebration on 9 July 2026.

As part of our celebrations, NLS will be giving back to the community through "20,000KM for 20", fundraising effort in support of the President's Challenge 2026 as well as for our needy students. Together with our students, staff, partners and stakeholders, we aim to achieve a cumulative run/walk distance of 20,000 km.

Welcoming Our Students

To our new Year 1 students, we warmly welcome you to NorthLight School! This marks a fresh and exciting beginning, and we hope you will embrace the next lap of your learning journey with confidence. Our hope is that by the end of your four years with us, you will become a more resilient, and better version of yourselves.





Stronger – Celebrating the resilience and solid foundation built over two decades, overcoming challenges and growing in confidence.

Bolder – Highlighting our courage to push boundaries, aim high and dream big for our students.

Brighter — signifying our transformation from an emerging star to a shining one; leading with conviction, caring for our shared future, and broadening horizons with our partners and community as we help every learner discover purpose, dignity, and possibility for life.

To our Year 2 to Year 5 students, we hope you have had a restful December break. As you progress to the next level, we encourage you to continue giving your best — to learn, grow, and enjoy the rich learning experiences ahead. We look forward to seeing you deepen friendships, build resilience, and take on new challenges through the programmes we have thoughtfully prepared.

Starting the Year Well

To support our students' transition and success, Year 1 students will participate in an Orientation Programme and CCA selection activities designed to help them adjust to their new environment, understand school expectations, and form new friendships.

The Year 2 students will be heading for a learning journey to Bird Paradise at Mandai Wildlife Reserve on Tuesday, 6 January. This learning journey aims to help students ease into the new school year by fostering friendships and engaging them in meaningful experiential learning beyond the classroom.



For our Years 3 to 4 students, we have planned a series of meaningful activities to anchor students in the basics and help them start the year right — focusing on routines, relationships and readiness for learning.

Growing Resilience In Teens (GRIT) Week

One of our signature programmes, GRIT Week, is designed to nurture resilience, confidence and teamwork across all levels.



Our Year 1 students will experience a 3D2N camp (3 to 5 February) in school with their new friends and teachers where they will explore local heritage sites around the school, participate in outdoor adventure activities such as dragon boating and hiking, and conclude the camp with a memorable campfire night. Parents will be invited to join us for the campfire in celebrating your child's successful

transition to NLS. More info will be shared with you at a later date.

Year 2 students will take on new challenges at a 3D2N camp (3 to 5 February) at the Changi Coast Campsite, where they will participate in activities that strengthen resilience, friendship and leadership. Year 3 students will undergo certification courses, including the 1-Star Kayaking Certification and Sport Climbing Level 1, equipping them with confidence and foundational adventure skills.

At the core, they will learn perseverance and teamwork, a discover more about themselves. Year 4 students will embark on preparation activities for the Industry Experiential Programme (IEP), which will take place in Term 2 and help them gain early exposure to post-secondary learning environments.

Developing Character & Citizenship in our students through National Education Commemorative Event and Festive Celebration



We will commemorate Total Defence Day on 11 February to help students understand its significance in the Singapore context — that every individual plays a part in safeguarding our nation's security, harmony and resilience. This day reminds students that Singapore's security cannot be taken for granted and that defending the nation requires collective effort from all citizens, fostering resilience and unity across generations.

On 16 February, we will celebrate Chinese New Year as a school community to appreciate our cultural heritage and strengthen the sense of togetherness and joy among students and staff. Students will be dismissed at 10.30am that day, and they will return to school on 19 February.



Attendance & Punctuality

We would like to remind parents and guardians that regular attendance and punctuality are essential for students' learning, character development, and long-term success at NorthLight School. Frequent late coming will affects students' readiness to learn and undermines the development of responsibility and self-discipline.

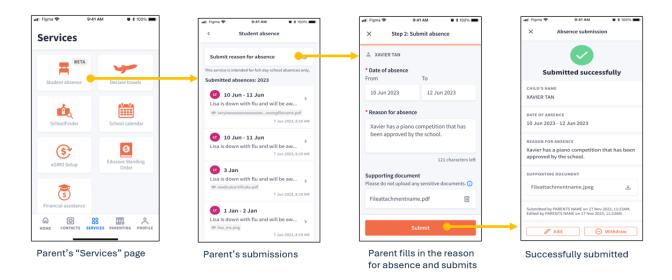
To reinforce positive habits and ensure a conducive learning environment for all, students who are late for the third time within a term will be required to serve after-school detention. Students who are <u>late more than five times</u> in a term will be sent home. We seek your support in ensuring your child/ward attends school consistently and is not taken out of school during term time unless necessary.

If your child/ward is unwell, please ensure they receive timely medical attention. For any absence, please provide a medical certificate or a letter from a parent/guardian. Do note that the school may take disciplinary action in cases of wilful absenteeism or truancy, as we want to support every student in developing responsible habits.

Communication Platforms

Parents/guardians will continue to receive regular updates on school programmes and activities each term through letters sent via **Parents Gateway (PG).** The Parents Gateway Mobile App, an initiative by MOE, enables parents/guardians to connect with schools easily and manage administrative and financial matters conveniently. From this year onwards, parents/guardians will also submit their child's/ward's Medical Certificates (MC) online via Parents' Gateway. Pls see below on the steps to submit your child's/ward's MC.





The PG App also allows parents/guardians to stay informed about school events and submit online consent forms for their child's/ward's activities. A step-by-step guide to downloading the PG App is available here: https://www.nls.edu.sg/partnerships/parents-gateway.

First Touchpoint; Home Visit by Form Teachers

As part of our continued efforts to strengthen school–family relationships, Form Teachers will also be making home visits to better understand how we can support your child/ward. Should you wish to contact your child's/ward's teachers, their email addresses can be found at https://www.nls.edu.sg/school/School-Organisation/form-teachers, or you may reach the school at 6929 6290.

In support of staff well-being, we kindly seek your cooperation to minimise non-urgent communication during weekends, public holidays, and after 6.00pm on school days. This allows our teachers to rest, and return refreshed to support our students.

Mobile Device Policy

The school is committed to teaching students the responsible use of mobile devices and/or smart watches to ensure they remain focused on their learning during school hours. As part of this effort, students are required to hand over their mobile devices and/or smart watches to their Form Teachers, where they will be securely stored in the class locker and returned at dismissal.



In case of emergencies, you may contact the General Office directly. We kindly seek your cooperation in reminding your child/ward to follow this rule. Please note that the school reserves the right to confiscate mobile devices and/or smart watches if a student fails to comply. Additionally, for investigative purposes, the school reserves the right to access, remove, or forward the contents of confiscated devices when necessary.

Policy on Use of Photos and Videos for Publicity Purposes

Photographs and video recordings of students or visitors may be captured during various school activities and events, including classroom lessons, CCAs, school camps, or concerts. These images or

recordings may be used by the school for publications, the school's website, social media platforms, or other communication channels.

As we begin this meaningful year, we look forward to partnering you in supporting your child's learning and growth. Thank you for your trust, encouragement and collaboration.

Wishing all students and families a joyful and fulfilling 2026 ahead.

Mdm Sung Mee Har

Principal

SCHOOL TERMS FOR 2026

Semester 1			
Term 1	Tuesday 2 January to Friday 13 March		
Term 2	Tuesday, 24 March to Friday 29 May		
Semester 2			
Term 3	Monday 29 June to Friday 4 September		
Term 4	Monday 14 September to Friday 6 November		

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN TERM 1

Day/ Date	Event
17 February (Tuesday) & 18 February (Wednesday)	Chinese New Year

KEY EVENTS IN TERM 1

Day / Date	Event
2 February (Monday) to	GRIT Week
5 February (Thursday)	
6 February (Friday)	All Students - Home-based Learning Day (HBL)
	All Year 1 to Year 4 students do not need to report to school
16 February (Monday)	Chinese New Year School Celebrations
	The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year, and students will be
	dismissed early at 10:30 a.m.
	We would like to extend our warmest wishes to our Chinese families for
	a joyous and prosperous Chinese New Year, and wish all other families a
	restful and enjoyable holiday break!
26 February (Thursday)	Year 4 Students- Progression Industry Experiential Programme (IEP)
	Briefing for Year 4 Parents/Guardians
	The school will be conducting this briefing for all Year 4 parents/
	guardians from 5:00pm to 6:30pm.
	More details will be provided at a later date. MTP
27 February (Friday)	Year 1 Students - Orange Blessings Community Programme
27 Tobradi y (Triday)	To foster a sense of connection with the community, our Year 1 students
	will be visiting the neighbourhood with their Form Teachers during school
	hours to share Chinese New Year greetings with residents.
9 March (Monday) to	Year 4 Students - Milestone Assessment
12 March (Thursday)	All Year 4 students will be sitting for the Workplace Literacy and
	Numeracy (WPLN) Assessment.
	Y4 Students will be dismissed after the last paper for the day. The
	assessment schedule will be provided at a later date.
13 March (Friday)	NLS 20 th Awards Day 2026
	We will be celebrating the progress, holistic development, and
	achievements of our students at our 20th Awards Day. Only selected
	students, award recipients, and concert participants are required to
	report to school.
	More information will be provided closer to the event.

MORNING SHUTTLE BUSES 2026

Location	Timing	Pick-Up Location
Admiralty	7:00 am	In front of Admiralty MRT Station and
		between Taxi stand and Bus Stop no: 46779
Bedok	7:00 am & 7:15	In front of Bedok Mall. Bus Stop no: 84031
	am	
Redhill	7:10 am	Opposite Redhill MRT station. Bus Stop no:
		10201
Yishun	7:00 am	Yishun MRT Station Exit B – Passenger Pick-
		up/drop-off point along Yishun Ave 5





SCHOOL INSURANCE

Insurance coverage is provided for all enrolled students of NorthLight School. The insurance provider is Income Insurance Limited.

Parents can log on to https://studentgpa.incomegroupins.com.sg to submit an online claim through the e-claim portal.

Points to note:

- For both inpatient and outpatient including minor/day surgery claims, you are not required to submit the original hard copy tax invoice(s)/receipts(s). However, you must keep the original hard copy tax invoice(s)/receipt(s) for at least 6 months from claim submission date, and it must be made readily available upon Insurer's request.
- Please prepare your scanned receipts/reports for uploading before proceeding with a new eSubmission.
- Scanned files must meet the following criteria:
 - *Acceptable file formats are pdf, jpg, jpeg and png
 - *Maximum allowable size for each attachment is up to 10MB.
- If you have utilised your Medisave/MediShield/Private Shield plan to pay for your child's surgical and hospitalisation fees, please kindly request a Letter of Settlement from your insurer for submission together with the original tax invoice(s)/receipts(s).
- Please ensure your email address, handphone number and bank account details in the e-claim portal are correct.
- If you require additional information, please contact Mr Tony Lim (Student Affairs Unit Manager, NorthLight School) or Mr Liang Shi Neng at Tel: 6929 6290.