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**"Success isn't
handed to you;
it's achieved
through
dedication,
perseverance,
and crafting
your own
opportunities."**

-Sripal Jain, Chairman



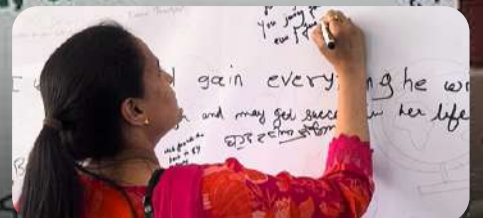
● The Headliner

*The night a hall full of strangers
became a family*
A New Year, A Warm Welcome
16 May 2026

The Academic City School organized its TACS Onboarding Programme to warmly welcome students and help them transition smoothly into the new academic year. The programme was designed to familiarize students with the school's vision, values, campus facilities, academic expectations, and co-curricular opportunities.

Students were introduced to their teachers, classmates, and various school policies through engaging presentations and interactive sessions. The orientation also provided valuable information regarding classroom procedures, discipline guidelines, and student support systems.

The programme created a positive and encouraging environment, helping students feel confident, comfortable, and excited about their learning journey at **The Academic City School**.



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"First-day nerves became first-day excitement - and a new campus quietly began to feel like home."

The TACS Onboarding Experience



Freshers' Day ● 30 May

A Night of Welcome, Talent & Togetherness



The academic year opened the way every good story should - with a warm welcome. On 30 May 2026, the school amphitheatre came alive with music, movement and cheer as The Academic City School celebrated **Freshers' Day, welcoming its newest students into the TACS family.**



The evening began with a prayer by Nayana of Grade 11, followed by a heartfelt welcome address from Alankritha and Praharsh. What followed was a parade of talent: **energetic dances** by Grades 6 and 7, a **drama** by Grades 5 to 8, and a **lively boys' performance** from Grades 6 to 8. **Standout solos** by Lavanya and Moula Khan, a **graceful duet** by Alankritha and Roopashree, and **poetry recitations** by Sayani and Shanthi added colour and charm. Grades 10, 11 and 12 brought the house down with **vibrant group and mash-up routines**, before Adithri of Grade 6 one of the **youngest closed** with the **vote of thanks.**



As dusk settled, a **campfire** drew students and teachers together to **sing, laugh and bond**. For every fresher, it was the night a new **school began to feel like home** sparking confidence, friendship and a true sense of belonging.



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The campfire turned a hall full of strangers into one big family.

A Fresher's First Night at TACS



Inter-House Tug of War • 30 May

Strength, Grit & Team Spirit



Four houses, one rope, & a whole lot of determination

The Inter-House Tug of War on 30 May brought **raw energy and team spirit** to the field as students from Grades 4 to 12 dug in their heels for house glory. Coordinated by Ms. Vijaya, Mr. Dileep, Mr. Jagan and Ms. Kavya, the contest drew enthusiastic participation from Agni, Vayu, Jal and Prithvi.

In the Grades 4 to 7 category, **Prithvi** House powered through to claim the title, defeating **Agni** in a hard-fought final. The Grades 9 and 10 crown went to **Jal House**, who overcame **Vayu** in a gritty decider. Among the senior boys of Grades 11 and 12, Prithvi House triumphed once more, while in the Grades 11 and 12 girls' category, Jal House pulled ahead of Agni to finish first.



Every round was a display of teamwork, raw strength and unshakeable resolve, with **cheering students and teachers** lining the field to spur their houses on. More than the results, it was the sportsmanship and collective spirit that made the morning memorable - **a reminder that the strongest pull always comes from pulling together.**

“Four houses, one rope, and a field full of heart - this was team spirit at full stretch.”

Inter-House Kabaddi ● 30 May

Raiders, Defenders & Roaring Galleries



The mat came alive as 90 students from Grades 8 to 12 brought India's most spirited traditional sport to the inter-house arena on 7 June. After a briefing on the rules by the Physical Education team, Agni, Prithvi, Jal and Vayu threw themselves into a morning of breath-held raids, quick escapes and fierce defence.

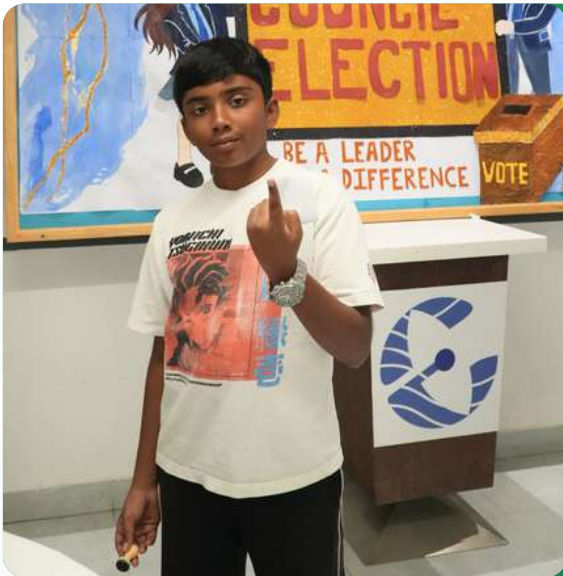
In the boys' competition, **Jal** House opened with a commanding 34 - 08 win over **Agni**, while **Prithvi** edged **Vayu** 23 - 17. Vayu claimed third place, and in a tense final, Jal House held off Prithvi 28 - 23 to lift the boys' title.

The girls' competition was just as gripping. **Agni** overcame **Prithvi** 22 - 08 and **Jal** defeated **Vayu** 27 - 16 to reach the final, where **Agni House triumphed 26 - 14 to be crowned champions**; Vayu took third.



Beyond the scores, the event was a celebration of agility, strategy and raw teamwork, with players showing remarkable coordination and discipline. Cheering galleries lifted every raid and tackle, turning the morning into a vibrant display of house pride and the enduring joy of an indigenous sport - **proof that the oldest games still spark the loudest cheers.**

Agility, strategy and sheer heart - Kabaddi brought four houses to the edge of the mat.



Leadership • 1 June

Student Council Elections - Democracy in Action

The road to leadership began at the ballot box.

Aspiring student leaders campaigned, shared their vision, and faced their peers - who cast their votes in a free and transparent election. **The result: a Student Council chosen by the students, for the students, and formally invested days later.**



With **badges, oaths and a hall full of pride**, The Academic City School formally entrusted its newly elected leaders at the **Investiture Ceremony 2025 - 26** - a celebration of the democratic spirit and the responsibility that comes with it.

The ceremony welcomed distinguished guests, including **Chairman Shri Sripal Jain**, alongside the Principal, Campus Director and Academic Coordinator. After the ceremonial lamp-lighting, a sacred shloka, the school prayer and a graceful invocation dance, Head Boy Siddh Jain led the National Anthem as the school flag was unfurled.

Investiture Ceremony

Leading with Purpose, Serving with Pride

The newly elected Student Council was then invested with their badges - **Head Boy Siddh Jain** and **Head Girl Alankritha Rao Shetty**, their deputies **Tejas Sanklecha** and **Mishti Jain**, and the Sports and Cultural secretaries - followed by the Student Leadership Team and the House Prefects of Agni, Prithvi, Jal and Vayu. Administered by Campus Director Mr. Nitin Bhat, the Oath of Commitment saw each leader pledge honesty, discipline, fairness and service.

In their addresses, the Principal reminded students that **true leadership is measured by service, not authority**, while the Chairman urged them to embrace challenges as opportunities. The ceremony closed on a note of optimism **young leaders ready to carry the hopes of their school forward.**



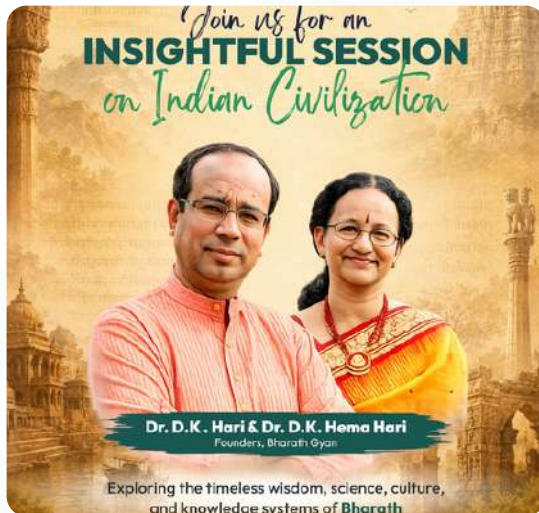
Leadership

The Council Takes Charge ● 6 June



**Embrace every challenge as an opportunity,
and strive for excellence in all you do.**

-Sripal Jain, Chairman



Speakers' Series: Gyan Session 1

Wisdom Worth Sharing • 1 June

Great learning often begins with a great conversation - and The Academic City School opened exactly such a space with the first session of its new Speakers' Series, the Gyan Session. The inaugural edition welcomed two distinguished voices, **Dr. Hema and Dr. Hari Bharath**, who brought experience, insight and inspiration to an eager young audience.

"Think critically, pursue excellence, and meet every challenge with an open mind."

Dr. Hema & Dr. Hari Bharath, Gyan Session

The session was built around the **ideas that shape a meaningful life: learning, personal growth, and the everyday skills that carry students beyond the classroom.** Rather than lecture, the speakers shared real experiences and practical wisdom, weaving in **motivational messages that encouraged students to think critically, pursue excellence, and meet challenges with a positive, open mind.**

Eco Fest Plantation Drive • 8 - 12 June

A Greener Tomorrow, One Sapling at a Time



In celebration of **World Environment Day**, the Eco Club of The Academic City School turned good intentions into rooted action with its **"Eco Fest – Plantation Drive,"** held from 8th to 12th June 2026 for students of Classes V to XII. Guided by Ms. Uma, Ms. Neha, Mr. Mohan and Ms. Keerthy, the initiative set out to **nurture environmental awareness and a lasting sense of responsibility**

towards the planet. Across the week, **students** rolled up their sleeves and **planted saplings throughout the school campus**, each one a small but meaningful promise to the future. The drive was thoughtfully organised class-wise - Classes V and VI began on 8th June, followed by Classes VIII and IX on the 9th, Class X on the 10th, and Classes XI and XII on the 12th - ensuring **every student had a hand in the green mission**.



Beyond the digging and planting, **students learned why it all mattered: how trees maintain ecological balance, conserve natural resources, and stand as a frontline defence against climate change**. Enthusiasm ran high throughout, turning a simple plantation drive into a shared act of care - a reminder that a greener tomorrow is grown one sapling, and one student, at a time.

Faculty Workshop • 5 June

Sharpening the Craft of Teaching

At TACS, the belief that **learning never stops applies as much to teachers as to students**

the Faculty Workshop was a vivid reminder of exactly that. Designed to strengthen **teaching effectiveness, professional growth and collaborative learning**, the workshop brought educators together to invest in their own development.

Through interactive sessions, lively discussions and knowledge-sharing activities, they delved into innovative teaching methodologies, practical classroom management strategies, and the best educational practices shaping modern learning. Conversations moved beyond theory into the everyday realities of the classroom, with each educator bringing their own experience to the table.



Book Reading by Authors ● 7 June

Every Reader, an Author



Books came alive in the most imaginative way as The Academic City School hosted the first session of its 'Book Reading by Authors' programme - **a celebration designed to spark a love for reading, creativity and literary appreciation among students.**

This was no ordinary reading session. Students didn't just talk about their favourite books - they became them. A spirited **"Literary Ramp Walk"** saw children stride the runway dressed as **beloved characters**, from **Harry Potter to Wednesday Addams to Goku**, bringing the pages they cherished vividly to life. The room turned into a living library of imagination.

The creativity didn't stop there. A **"Plot-Twist Dice Game"** challenged budding writers to think on their feet, adapting and reinventing their stories on the spot as the dice decided each new turn. The session reached its playful peak with a mock author's "Hot Seat," where students fielded questions about their work just like real published authors.

Through **expressive reading, role-play and interactive discussion**, the programme nurtured imagination, communication skills and a genuine curiosity for literature. More than an event, it was an invitation - reminding every student that **within each reader lives the spark of an author waiting to be discovered.**



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*Within every reader
lives an author,
waiting to be
discovered.*

*A Celebration of
Stories at TACS*

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Inter-House Free Throw

● 13 June

Steady Aim, House Pride

The youngest athletes took centre court as The Academic City School held its Inter-House Basketball Free Throw competition for the boys and girls of Grades 4 to 7. Conducted by the Department of Physical Education and Sports, the event put focus, composure and **a steady hand to the test** - proving that in the free throw, it's calm precision, not power, that wins the day.



After a tense and closely contested round, **Jal House rose to the top to claim the Free Throw title**, rewarded for their accuracy & unshakeable composure under pressure.

Beyond the scoreboard, the competition was a wonderful early lesson in concentration, discipline and sportsmanship for the school's youngest players



The competition went right down to the wire. With **houses locked in a dead-even finish**, the title came down to a nail-biting tie-breaker, where Jal House held their composure to edge out Vayu and be crowned champions.

Inter-House Spell Bee

13 June ● *Where Words Took Flight*

The Academic City School hosted its Inter-House Spell Bee for students of Grades 5 to 8. **Forty keen spellers representing Agni, Prithvi, Jal and Vayu** stepped up to test their vocabulary, focus and composure across a series of challenging rounds. The contest was hosted with flair by Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy, who kept the energy high and the words coming.



Inter-House Basketball

● 13 June

Battle of the Courts



The courts ran hot as The Academic City School staged its Inter-House Basketball competition, bringing fast breaks, sharp passing and full-throated house spirit to the game. Conducted by the Department of Physical Education and Sports, the event saw Agni, Prithvi, Jal and Vayu battle across multiple categories in a true test of skill, stamina and teamwork.

The girls of Grades 8 to 12 opened the contest with spirited, end-to-end play, where **Prithvi** House rose above the rest to claim the championship. The boys' divisions then turned up the intensity. In the Grades 8 to 10 boys' category, **Vayu** House powered their way to the title with relentless energy and slick coordination. The senior showdown among the Grades 11 and 12 boys proved just as gripping, **with Jal House holding their nerve to be crowned champions.**



Every match was a display of dribbling skill, quick thinking and seamless team play, as players read each other's moves and turned defence into attack in seconds. Cheering galleries lifted every basket and steal, charging the courts with house pride. **More than the results, the competition celebrated discipline, fitness and the joy of a game best played together.**

Defence into attack in seconds - basketball at its sharpest, played as one team.



JITO: Meet and Greet • 20 June

Merit Rewarded, A Future Secured

Hard work found its reward as The Academic City School celebrated a proud milestone in its partnership with the Jain International Trade Organization (JITO). Through the **JITO Education Olympiad, students were recognised for exceptional merit and outstanding performance.**

"More than a certificate - a fully-supported journey through Class XII, and a lifetime of possibility."

Celebrating Merit at TACS

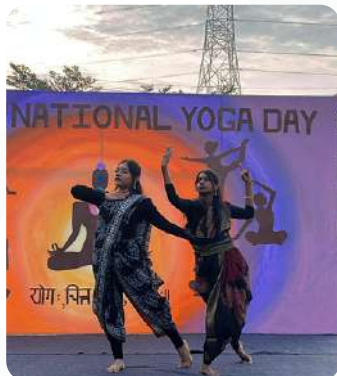
The scholarship is far more than a certificate. It opens the door to a **fully-supported academic journey through Class XII - encompassing world-class residential facilities, dedicated board and entrance-exam preparation, and holistic development at every step.** True to the spirit of the partnership, this support is rooted in enduring values: Ahimsa, discipline and Sanskar - ensuring that academic excellence grows hand in hand with character.



International Yoga Day

● 21 June

Yoga for Healthy Ageing



The football ground turned into a space of calm and energy as The Academic City School celebrated International Yoga Day 2026, organised by the Department of Physical Education & Sports around the theme **"Yoga for Healthy Ageing."** The morning drew an enthusiastic gathering of **218 participants** - 176 students and 38 teachers and staff - **united in the spirit of wellness.**

The programme opened with a warm welcome and the Principal's address on yoga's role in a healthy, balanced life, followed by **Aaa-Uuu-Mm chanting** and a yoga prayer that set a peaceful tone.

Participants then moved through basic stretches, Surya Namaskara, ten yoga asanas, and pranayama practices including Bhastrika, Anulom Vilom and Bhramari, before settling into meditation.



All participants took the Yoga Pledge - committing to make yoga a part of daily life - before the event closed with a vote of thanks and the National Anthem. The morning left everyone inspired to embrace yoga for a healthier, happier future.

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Spic Macay • 21 June

An Evening of Classical Grace

Tradition took centre stage as The Academic City School hosted a captivating cultural evening in collaboration with **SPIC MACAY (Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth)**. Held for students of Grades V to XII, the programme opened a window into the timeless beauty of India's classical dance heritage.



The evening began with an engaging introduction by Vidushi Shivranjani Harish - the youngest classical dancer to be awarded the **prestigious Top Grade by Doordarshan**

who acquainted students with the **history and nuances of Bharatanatyam**. In a delightful interactive moment, **she invited students on stage and taught them basic movements and mudras**, met with great enthusiasm.

What followed was a mesmerising recital - Pushpanjali, Prabho Ganapati, Krishna Varnam and Shri Rama Stuti - each piece blending devotion, grace, rhythm and storytelling. The performance was elevated by accomplished accompanying artists on Nattuvangam, vocals, Mridangam and Flute, whose artistry brought every composition to life.

Students and faculty alike were enthralled, leaving with a deeper appreciation of India's cultural roots. True to SPIC MACAY's vision, **the evening did more than entertain - it connected young minds to a heritage worth cherishing and carrying forward.**



Inter-House Badminton

● 21 June

Smashes, Rallies & House Glory

The courts buzzed with fast rallies and sharp smashes as The Academic City School held its Inter-House Badminton Competition, drawing 72 students from Grades 5 to 12 across the four houses - Agni, Jal, Vayu and Prithvi.

Played in a knockout format by the Department of Physical Education & Sports, **the event tested agility, focus and quick reflexes through six exciting categories.**

The day produced champions across every age group.

Jal House claimed the Grade 5 – 6 boys' title, while Vayu House dominated both the Grade 7 – 8 and Grade 9 – 10 boys' categories with relentless energy. Among the senior boys of Grades 11 – 12, Prithvi House held their nerve to take the crown. The girls' contests were equally fierce - Agni House swept both the Grade 5 – 10 and Grade 11 – 12 girls' titles, a standout double showing of skill and consistency.

Every match showcased determination, teamwork and true sportsmanship, with players reading the game, covering the court, and lifting each rally with house pride. More than the trophies, **the competition celebrated fitness, discipline and the joy of healthy competition** - proof that on the badminton court, focus and footwork win the day.



"Focus, footwork and fighting spirit - the badminton court rewarded them all."

A Window Into Every Morning The Morning Stage

Every school day at TACS opens with a student-led assembly - a different grade hosting, speaking and performing for the whole school. Here's the month, in one glance.

How our Assembly runs Shloka ▶ School Prayer ▶ National Anthem ▶ Thought & Story
▶ News Bulletin ▶ Weekly Theme ▶ Significance of the Day ▶ State Anthem

The Month in Themes

Digital Literacy & Cyber Safety

Responsible technology use, online safety, and spotting misinformation.

Art & Culture of India

from folk arts to "unity in diversity," celebrating the nation's heritage.

Sports & Fitness

yoga, mental well-being, and the everyday habits that keep body and mind strong.

Threads That Ran Through the Month

Awareness Days:

Earth, Health & Society

Significance-of-the-day talks spanned World Environment Day, World Population Day, Road Safety, Global Wind Day & Sustainable Development building everyday awareness of the world around us.

Teacher's Talk

Lessons in Grit

Ms. Meera spoke on staying focused on your destiny; Ms. Swagata drew on Cristiano Ronaldo's perseverance; and Mr. Vikrant introduced the upcoming MUN programme - each a lesson in resilience and growth.

Stories & Values

Tales That Teach

Moral and mythological tales - from the Ramayana and Lord Hanuman to the Lion & the Elephant - carried lessons of unity, humility, courage and wise decisions.



Thought of the Month, From the Assembly Stage

"Unity is strength. When there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."



Word Wizzard

Petrichor (noun)

Meaning: the lovely earthy smell that rises when rain hits dry ground.

Usage: "After the first June shower, the whole campus filled with petrichor."

(A word you didn't know existed - for a feeling you've had a hundred times.)

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Tricky to Pronounce •

Colonel (KER-nuhl)

A colonel is a senior commissioned officer in the army, air force, or marines. The rank sits directly above a lieutenant colonel and below a brigadier general.

Commonly Misused Word

• Stationary vs. Stationery

Stationary = standing still.

Stationery = pens, paper, supplies.

Remember: stationery has an **e**, like **e**nvelope.

Brain-Buster of the Month

I have houses but no rooms. Students fight for me, but I never get hurt.

What am I?



Spot the Difference

Can you find 7 differences



Brain-Buster | Answer: The four houses - the house system

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