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From the Principal's Desk

JUNE AT LOYOLA: A MONTH OF BEGINNINGS, PURPOSE, AND POSSIBILITIES

“Every new beginning comes from some other beginning’s end.” -Seneca

The month of June unfolded like the first chapter of a promising new book at Loyola School. With the reopening of the school after the summer break, our campus once again echoed with the joyful laughter of students, the dedication of teachers, and the hopes of parents. Every corridor came alive, reminding us that a school is not merely a place of learning but a community where dreams are nurtured and futures are shaped.

The month began with Praveshanolsavam for students from Classes I to XII on 1 June, followed by the reopening of the UKG on 2 June, Thumba School on 3 June, and LKG and Pre-KG on 4 June. The arrival of our youngest Loyolites brought fresh energy and excitement, filling the campus with innocence, curiosity, and boundless enthusiasm.

June also reminded us of our responsibility towards nature. On World Environment Day, students and teachers reaffirmed their commitment to protecting the environment through meaningful activities that inspired everyone to become responsible custodians of God's creation. As Mahatma Gandhi wisely observed, "The Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed." The spirit of partnership between the school and parents was strengthened through the PTA General Body Meeting on 6 June, where parents and teachers joined hands in the noble mission of shaping young minds. Education flourishes best when families and schools walk together with a common vision.

One of the proudest moments of the month was the Investiture Ceremony on 12 June, during which the newly elected student leaders assumed office. Wearing their badges with pride and humility, they accepted the responsibility of serving rather than merely leading. Their commitment echoed the words of Robert Greenleaf: "The best leaders are those who serve first." The celebration continued with the Award Day on 13 June, recognising students who excelled in academics, sports, arts, and co-curricular activities. Every award symbolised perseverance, discipline, and the pursuit of excellence, inspiring others to strive for their very best.

Reading and wellness received special attention during the month. Reading Day and International Yoga Day were observed on 19 June, encouraging students to cultivate both intellectual and physical well-being. Books open windows to the world, while yoga teaches harmony of mind, body, and spirit. As Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam beautifully said, "Learning gives creativity, creativity leads to thinking, thinking provides knowledge, and knowledge makes you great." Our commitment to nurturing a reading culture continued with Reading for All on 22 June, encouraging every student to discover the lifelong joy of reading. The creative talents of our students found expression through Class LA on 24 June, where classrooms transformed into vibrant spaces of art, music, literature, and performance.

These experiences reminded us that education extends far beyond textbooks and examinations. The highlight of the month was undoubtedly the 26th edition of LA Fest which was held on 26 June, the largest inter-school cultural festival in the city. Entirely organised by our Class XII students with the wholehearted support of Class XI, the festival stood as a remarkable testimony to student leadership, teamwork, creativity, and organisational excellence. The enthusiastic participation of sixteen schools, together with the gracious presence of our beloved former Principal Fr. Varghese Anikuzhy SJ and former Vice Principal Fr. Joseph Edassery SJ, transformed the campus into a joyful celebration of the Loyola spirit. Their return rekindled cherished memories and reminded us that true educators continue to inspire long after they leave the classroom.

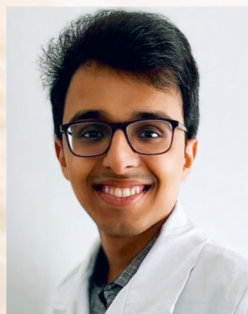
Another landmark event was the inauguration of our Games Turf and Loyola Operation Toofan on 29 June. The occasion symbolised our commitment to holistic education—building not only strong minds but also healthy bodies, compassionate hearts, and socially responsible citizens. The launch of Operation Toofan reaffirmed Loyola's resolve to prepare students to serve society courageously, especially in times of need.

The month concluded with the Monthly Quiz and the YIP Club Meeting on 30 June, reinforcing the spirit of inquiry, innovation, and scientific thinking among our students. Loyola continues to encourage young minds to question, discover, and create solutions for a better tomorrow. June was much more than the beginning of another academic year. It was a celebration of learning, leadership, service, creativity, and hope. Every event reflected our Jesuit vision of forming “men and women for and with others.” As we journey forward, we remain inspired by the words of St. Ignatius of Loyola: “Go forth and set the world on fire.”

May every Loyolite continue to learn with joy, lead with humility, serve with compassion, and dream with courage. June has laid a strong foundation, and we now look ahead with confidence to the many opportunities that await us in the months to come.

Principal

Hearty Welcome to **LOYOLA FAMILY** **NEW TEACHERS**



Mr Rohit C Jacob



Mr Aravind S R



Ms Abhitha



Ms Aiswariya U



Ms Aleena Jose



Ms Aparna S



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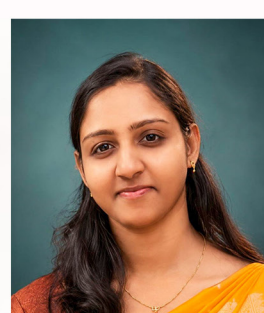
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Ms Saranya krishnan



Ms Seena Raj



Ms Smrithi Sanil



PRAVESHANOLSAVAM AT LOYOLA

Loyola School witnessed its first assembly of the academic year 2026–27 on June 1, reviving the nostalgic smiles, stories, and experiences that students had treasured on campus just two months ago. This academic year is guided by the theme “Excellence through Responsibility.” The Praveshanolsavam programme was conducted in two segments: the forenoon session for students of Grades 8 to 12, and the afternoon session for students of Grades 1 to 7.

The morning programme began at 10:00 a.m. with a prayer song by the school choir. The chief guest was Mr. Rajamanickam I.A.S., Secretary of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Government of Kerala. The assembly was also graced by Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ, Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ, Fr Ramlal Thomas SJ, Jesuits of Loyola College, Ms Anju Deepak, President of the PTA and LOBA president Mr. G. Unnikrishnan.

To set the tone for the day, Master Ananthakrishnan L. introduced the gathering to the Loyola Legacy, reminding students and acquainting newcomers with the vision and mission of Loyola School: a vision of creating a better world through students trained to strive for excellence, and a mission of nurturing young minds with responsibility, freedom, leadership, academic excellence, and genuine concern for others. It rekindled the spirit of Loyola as a second home for every Loyolite.

The Praveshanolsavam was further enriched by a meaningful song that resonated throughout the indoor Stadium. The melodious performance by the school choir added warmth and joy to the occasion. Building on this atmosphere, Master Ishaan Sajay delivered the welcome speech, formally greeting the chief guest, dignitaries, teachers, and students, and encouraging everyone to begin the year with enthusiasm and determination. Mr. Joy M. Varghese introduced the new staff members, fostering a warm and welcoming atmosphere that strengthened the sense of unity within the Loyola family.

Continuing the proceedings, Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ, delivered the presidential address, emphasising the necessity of being responsible and the importance of balancing academics with extracurricular activities. This was followed by the dignitaries joining in the lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the light of knowledge that teachers seek to kindle in every student. It reminded each student to move away from ignorance and toward enlightenment.

The highlight of the morning was the inspiring speech by the chief guest, Mr. Rajamanickam I.A.S. He shared the struggles of his childhood, the poverty his family faced, and his experience of working in a bakery for three rupees a day to buy notebooks for school. Through his life story, he explained the importance of dreams, hard work, and perseverance, leaving the audience deeply motivated. As a gesture of gratitude and respect, Ms. Roshni Joseph presented a token of love to the chief guest.

Following this, Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ, in his address to the students highlighted the theme of the academic year and the Jesuit values upheld by Loyola School. He stressed on the importance of holistic education in shaping men and women of character and purpose. He reminded the students the code of conduct expected from each and every Loyolite.

Adding to the spirit of encouragement, Fr Ramlat Thomas SJ, Ms Anju Deepak, and Mr. G. Unnikrishnan, felicitated the gathering. Their words of encouragement and goodwill inspired the students to begin the new academic year with confidence, dedication, and enthusiasm.

The programme then moved into its entertainment segments. A meaningful video presentation depicted a day in the life of a Loyolite, followed by a vibrant dance performance by Grade 12 students along with the Junior LOSB Dance Team. The morning segment concluded with the vote of thanks, delivered by Master Saathwik J. It truly made the students understand the role of gratitude within the Loyola family.

The afternoon session commenced at 1:30 p.m. for students of grades 1 to 7, presenting a similar programme with a few changes. Fr Salvin and Fr Ramlat attended the programme as dignitaries. The session began with a prayer song by the choir, followed by the Loyola Legacy presented by Master Advaith Manoj, which deeply touched the hearts of the gathering. Once again, the Praveshanolsavam song by the school choir added joy and enthusiasm to the occasion. Fr Ramlat delivered the presidential address, while Fr Salvin shared his message for the new academic year.

The audience too enjoyed the entertainment segments presented during the programme. Finally, the afternoon session concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Master Abhinav Prince, bringing the Praveshanolsavam 2026 to a meaningful and memorable close. The day not only enlightened the heart of every Loyolite but also upheld the spirit of Magis.



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UKG PRAVESHANOLSAVAM A JOYFUL BEGINNING

The UKG Praveshanolsavam was celebrated with great enthusiasm and warmth, marking the beginning of a new academic year for our young learners. The programme commenced with a prayer based on Proverbs 22:6: “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” The verse served as a fitting reminder of the vital role parents and educators play in shaping the lives of children.

The gathering was warmly welcomed by Ms Neetu Deepak, whose address set a positive and cheerful tone for the occasion. The event was graced by the presence of Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ, who delivered the Presidential Address. In his inspiring message, he emphasised the importance of character formation and responsible behaviour from a young age. He encouraged parents and teachers to work together in nurturing values that would help children grow into responsible, compassionate and confident individuals.

The Formal Address was delivered by Fr Ramlat Thomas SJ, whose insightful reflections on the difference between being and having resonated deeply with the audience. He reminded everyone that true fulfilment comes not from what we possess, but from the values and character we cultivate. The programme was further enriched by the presence of Mr Joy Varghese, Registrar, whose participation added significance to the occasion. Ms Deepa Harikrishnan, KG Co-ordinator, formally introduced the UKG teachers, warmly welcoming the children and parents into the school community and assuring them of a nurturing and enriching learning environment. An important highlight of the programme was the selection of the Class PTA Representative, fostering a spirit of partnership and collaboration between parents and the school. . The event concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks delivered by Ms Mullu Das, who expressed gratitude to the management, dignitaries, teachers, parents and pupils for making the programme a memorable and meaningful celebration.

The Praveshanolsavam ended on a note of joy, hope and anticipation as the young learners embarked on a new chapter of learning and growth. The occasion beautifully reflected the institution's commitment to holistic education, where academic excellence is complemented by character formation and values-based learning.



Ms Sandhya George







A Historic Beginning: Pre-KG and LKG Praveshanolsavam 2026-2027

The campus of Loyola School wore a festive look as it opened its gates to the youngest members of the Loyola family for the academic year 2026–27. This year's Praveshanolsavam was a historic milestone, marking the grand introduction of our brand-new Pre-KG section alongside our vibrant LKG batches.

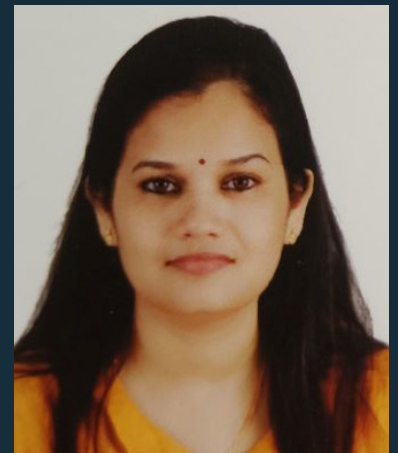
The morning commenced with a warm and energetic welcome by the Master of Ceremonies, Ms Arti Rawat, whose lively presence instantly set a wonderful tone and kept the audience fully engaged throughout the day. The formal function was graced by Fr Sunny Thomas Kunnappallil SJ, Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ, Fr Ramlat Thomas SJ, and Fr Jose Thaiparambil SJ. Addressing the gathering, Fr Salvin delivered an insightful message on parental involvement, emphasising that a child's success in these foundational years relies on an active partnership where parents and teachers work hand in hand. He warmly urged families to treat Loyola as their children's second home. Following this, Fr Ramlat took the parents down memory lane, beautifully explaining Loyola's rich legacy of nurturing excellence and character. The formal introduction of the teaching faculty was then conducted by our Kindergarten Coordinator, Ms Deepa Harikrishnan, assuring parents that their precious little ones are in the safest, most capable hands. As the stage function drew to a close, a heartfelt Vote of Thanks was delivered by Ms Ajitha Shibu, expressing deep gratitude to the dignitaries and parents for making the event a grand success.

Transitioning from words to action, the class teachers met with their respective parent groups to lay down guidelines and select the PTA representatives for each division, establishing that crucial home-school bridge right on day one. Then came the grandest spectacle of the morning! Led by the vibrant beats of the school band, a joyful procession of parents and children marched toward the kindergarten block.

In a moment of great pride, Fr Sunny officially inaugurated the two brand-new Pre-KG divisions.

As families stepped into the decorated classrooms, a wave of raw emotions filled the corridors. As the time came for parents to bid goodbye, the waterworks began with tiny tears and anxious whimpers from children reluctant to let go. But the real magic started only after the parents walked out. The moment the doorways cleared, our wonderful kindergarten teachers swung into action with warm smiles, colourful toys, and catchy rhymes. Within no time, the tears began to dry, anxious frowns turned into curious glances at picture books, and quiet whimpers gave way to tentative giggles.

By the time the morning came to a close, our little Loyolites were already discovering the joy of friendship and play. The journey has officially begun, and we look forward to a spectacular year ahead, guiding these tiny steps toward a future of greatness.



Ms R Rajitha





NCC ANNUAL TRAINING CAMP (ATC) 2026

The National Cadet Corps Annual Training Camp (ATC) was held from 27 April to 5 May 2026. Our school proudly participated in the camp with a strength of 50 cadets under the guidance of our respected CTO, Mr. Rajesh T.G. On 27 April, our Principal, Fr. Dr. Salvin Augustine SJ, addressed the cadets before their departure. He delivered an inspiring talk on the importance of discipline, responsibility, and proper behaviour as true Loyolites representing both the school and the NCC.

The camp provided valuable learning experiences through a variety of sessions and activities. Informative talks were conducted on the Defence Forces, GSK, the Indian Air Force (IAF), and Aeromodelling. These sessions expanded our knowledge and inspired many cadets to dream of serving the nation in the armed forces.

One of the most memorable experiences of the camp was the opportunity to handle and learn about real training weapons, specifically the 0.22-inch No. 02 MK IV BA Rifle and the 0.22-inch Sporting BA Rifle. This rare opportunity for students of our age gave us practical exposure to weapon training and safety procedures. The camp also gave us opportunities to interact with several high-profile officers, including officials from the DGNCC and the Excise Department. Their guidance and motivational speeches encouraged us to become disciplined and responsible citizens.

Our troop actively participated in all camp activities, including MRC, Drill Competition, NRC, and various other NCC events. We gave our maximum effort and proudly emerged as Runners-up in the Volleyball Tournament, which is considered one of the most prestigious sporting events in NCC camps.

Our troop was led by Cadet Aagney S.S., who achieved the honour of being selected as the 3rd Best Cadet in the JD Section of the camp. Overall, the 50 cadets of our school cherished these nine memorable days of training, teamwork, discipline, and friendship. The camp helped us grow into more responsible, confident, and disciplined cadets, ready to serve our nation with pride.

Jai Hind!



Cdt. Aagney SS
(Troop Senior)
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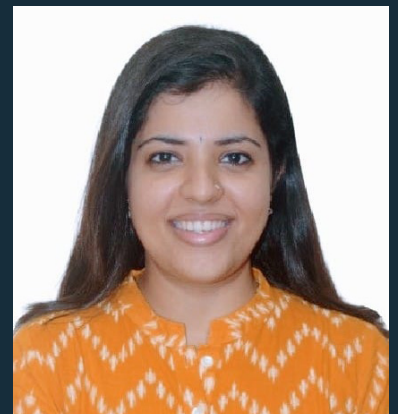
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATION

The Junior Section of our school celebrated World Environment Day with great enthusiasm and active participation from students. The celebration aimed to raise awareness among children about the importance of protecting and preserving our environment.

As part of the programme, students delivered informative speeches highlighting the significance of Environment Day and the need for sustainable living. This was followed by an educational video on environmental conservation, screened in all junior classes, which helped students understand various environmental issues and possible solutions.

To encourage creativity and environmental awareness, students prepared posters based on the theme of Environment Day. These were displayed on the school bulletin board and class notice boards, showcasing their talents and commitment to environmental protection. Students were further encouraged to take personal responsibility for the environment by bringing potted plants or saplings to school. This initiative inspired them to develop a love for nature and appreciate the importance of planting and nurturing trees.

The programme was coordinated by Ms Sangeetha K. J. and Ms Parvathi Devi U., whose guidance ensured the smooth and meaningful conduct of the celebration. Overall, the event was a truly enriching experience that instilled environmental values in young minds and motivated them to contribute towards a greener and healthier future.



Ms Parvathi Devi U

LOYOLA SCHOOL





ENVIRONMENT DAY NCC DRIVE

The environment is the foundation of life, nurturing and sustaining us as we grow into responsible citizens of our nation. Recognizing the importance of environmental conservation, the NCC cadets of our school enthusiastically observed World Environment Day on 5 June by organising a special awareness and outreach programme.

A total of fifty dedicated NCC cadets actively participated in this initiative, demonstrating their commitment to protecting and preserving the environment. As part of the campaign, the cadets procured eco-friendly paper bags and distributed them to local shopkeepers in Sreekaryam, encouraging the reduction of plastic usage and the adoption of sustainable alternatives.

The programme also included an informative session that highlighted the significance of environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and the importance of extending support to those in need. This special NCC drive was organised with the objective of fostering environmental awareness and instilling a sense of civic responsibility among the cadets and the wider community.

As part of the event, the cadets conducted an awareness rally from our school to Sreekaryam Junction. During the rally, they distributed paper bags to shop owners and engaged with members of the public, providing brief yet impactful explanations about the harmful effects of plastic pollution and the benefits of adopting environmentally friendly practices.

The initiative was met with appreciation and positive responses from the local community. More importantly, it provided the cadets with a valuable opportunity to contribute meaningfully to society while strengthening their understanding of environmental responsibility.

Overall, the World Environment Day Special Drive was a resounding success. It proved to be both an enlightening and memorable experience, inspiring all participants to continue working towards a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future.



Cdt. Aagney SS
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BEYOND THE SCRIPT: REFLECTIONS ON THE INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2026-2027, held on 12 June 2026, was a significant milestone in our school calendar, marking the formal induction of our newly elected student leaders and symbolising leadership, responsibility, and service. It was both an honour and a truly enriching experience to be entrusted with the responsibility of co-anchoring this prestigious ceremony with my co-anchor, Harinandan chettan. My teacher's faith in me boosted my confidence, and I rehearsed extensively in the school auditorium with the newly elected student leaders, carefully synchronising every announcement with the sequence of events to ensure the smooth conduct of the programme. The rehearsals generated enthusiasm, vigour, and energy, gradually bringing the ceremony to life. The resonating victory beats, the disciplined march-past, the formal procession of the former and newly elected office bearers, and the solemn oath-taking created an atmosphere of pride and anticipation.

The ceremony commenced with a prayer song by the school choir, followed by the school pledge administered by the outgoing General Captain, Karthik Nair. The dignitaries, including the Rector and Manager of Loyola institutions Fr. Sunny Kunnappallil SJ, Director and Principal, Fr. Dr. Salvin Augustine SJ, Principal of the CBSE Section Fr. Ramlat Thomas SJ, Bursar Fr. Jose Thaiparambil SJ, Vice Principal Ms. Roshni Joseph, and Registrar Mr. Joy M. Varghese, graced the occasion. The newly elected Junior School Leaders, Assistant Junior School Leaders, Secretaries, Chief Prefects, House Vice Captains, House Captains, General Secretary, General Captain, Assistant School Leaders, and the School Leader formally assumed their responsibilities as they received their badges from the dignitaries.

One of the most memorable moments was witnessing the outgoing leaders ceremonially pass on their badges and house flags to the newly elected office bearers.

Former General Captain Karthik Nair handed over the mantle of leadership to Jonathan Edwards N., while the outgoing House Captains entrusted their house flags to Aiswar A. (AP House), Balamurali V. S. (GG House), Madhav Praveen (JJ House), and Astin Thomas Binu (SS House). The House Captains were formally invested by Rev. Fr. Ramlat Thomas SJ, with the badges being ceremonially presented through the respective House Teachers in charge: Dr. Catherine Thomas (AP House), Ms. Anila Elsa Thomas (GG House), Ms. Smitha Stephen (JJ House), and Ms. Srividhya M. (SS House). This symbolic transition beautifully reflected our school's enduring tradition of nurturing leaders and preparing them to become responsible citizens and nation builders.

The newly elected School Leader, Abhinav P. K., then administered the Oath of Office, during which every office bearer pledged to serve the school with integrity, sincerity, and dedication. I take immense pride in mentioning the elected leaders upon whose shoulders rests the responsibility of carrying forward Loyola's legacy of excellence. Along with our School Leader, Abhinav P. K., and General Captain, Jonathan Edwards N., the newly elected cabinet includes General Secretary Sidhanshu Sanjeev Sivan; Arts Secretaries Sreehari A. and Bhagat Krishna V. M.; Sports Secretaries Navneeth Pothuval and Krishna S. D.; Literary Secretaries Harshitha S. and Rishikesh Arun; Chief Prefects Niranjan Naveen and Joel Philip Jacob; Assistant School Leaders Ritu Ashish, Gautham Abhilash, and Daksh R. Nair; Junior School Leader Pranav S. Nair; and Assistant Junior School Leaders Divit A. Pillai and Akshit S. Nair. Supporting them are the House Vice Captains: Adinarayanan V. S. (AP House), Vedh V. Vinod (GG House), Kiran U. Nair (JJ House), and Akul Kiran S. (SS House). I wish each one of them every success as they embark on this journey of leadership and service.

The ceremony also unveiled this year's theme, "Excellence through Responsibility," beautifully reminding us that true excellence is achieved when responsibility is embraced with integrity, commitment, and a willingness to serve others.

The inspiring address by Fr. Ramlat Thomas SJ, reinforced these ideals, encouraging the newly elected leaders to lead with humility, compassion, and unwavering dedication to the values of our institution.

Behind every seamless moment of the ceremony lay countless hours of dedicated preparation. The outgoing leaders worked tirelessly alongside the newly elected office bearers, patiently guiding them through every detail of the march-past and ceremonial proceedings under the dedicated guidance of Anil Sir. Equally instrumental were Jesha Ma'am and Smitha Ma'am, whose meticulous planning, keen eye for detail, and constant encouragement shaped us into confident anchors and ensured that every segment of the programme unfolded with precision and excellence. The unwavering encouragement and vision of Fr. Salvin, laid the foundation for such a meaningful occasion, inspiring a culture of discipline, responsibility, and excellence that has become second nature to the school.

Looking back, anchoring the Investiture Ceremony was far more than a speaking assignment. It strengthened my confidence, refined my communication skills, and gave me the privilege of contributing to one of the most cherished traditions of our school. Watching a new generation of leaders formally assume office, witnessing the seamless passing of the torch from one batch to the next, and playing a small part in that enduring legacy is an experience I will always treasure.



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AWARD DAY 2026: A DAY OF RECOGNITION AND PRIDE

On 13 June 2026, Loyola School celebrated its Annual Award Day at the Indoor Stadium, bringing together students, parents, teachers, alumni, and distinguished guests to recognise and honour the achievements of students during the academic year 2025-26. The programme commenced with a prayer by the School Choir, followed by a welcome address delivered by the School Leader, Master Abhinav P. K. The gathering was then addressed by last year's PTA President, Dr Anju Deepak, and the Chief Guest, Adv. V. V. Rajesh, Mayor of Thiruvananthapuram Corporation, whose words encouraged students to continue pursuing excellence with determination and purpose. Messages of appreciation were also shared by Mr G. Unnikrishnan, President of LOBA, and Ms Vijaya Ananthakrishnan.

The award distribution ceremony formed the highlight of the event, celebrating excellence across academics and student life. One of the most memorable moments of the day was the presentation of the Best Loyolite Award, conferred upon Siddharth Sebin Roy in recognition of his outstanding achievement, leadership, integrity, and embodiment of Loyola values. Students were also honoured for exceptional performances in board examinations and competitive examinations, reflecting the school's continued tradition of academic excellence. Another significant moment was the release of the latest edition of The Loyolite, showcasing the literary, artistic, and creative spirit of the school community. The celebration concluded with a group song presented by students, followed by the vote of thanks delivered by Assistant School Leader Gautham Abhilash, and the singing of the School Anthem. Annual Award Day 2025-26 stood as a meaningful celebration of achievement and a reminder of the values of perseverance, dedication, and excellence that continue to define Loyola.



Vaibhav Prince
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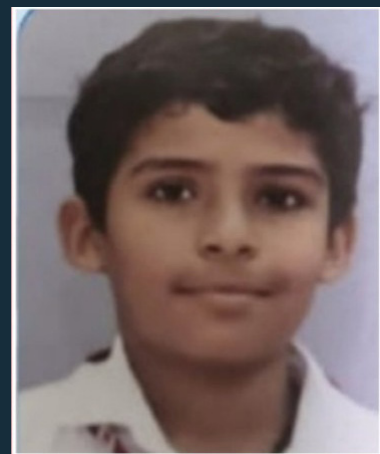




LOYOLA SCHOOL BOOK FEST 2026

Books are more than just bundles of paper bound together to tell a story. They are reservoirs of priceless knowledge, virtues, and fuel for our imaginations. With the right book in hand, one can revolutionize their way of living and move closer to excellence through success. Keeping this in mind, our school collaborated with DC Books and National Books to host a book fair from 17 to 19 June, with the aim of instilling in students the value of “more reading time, less screen time.”

Students were treated to a plethora of books of all shapes, sizes, and subjects. From the thoughtful, innovative minds of the seniors to the curious, imaginative minds of the juniors, there was a book meant for everyone. After the inauguration conducted by our Principal, Fr. Dr. Salvin Augustine SJ, students were shown class-wise the diverse variety of books they could choose from. Works of prominent authors such as J.K. Rowling, Chetan Bhagat, Rick Riordan, Vaikom Muhammad Basheer, Arundhati Roy, and many more were displayed, allowing students to discover and appreciate their masterpieces. Puzzle books to train the brain, storybooks to transport us to new worlds, biographies and autobiographies to ignite our inner fire – the variety was beyond words. To be precise, this book fair has proven itself to be a wonderful initiative by our school, promoting the message of Reading Week and inspiring students to embrace the joy of reading.



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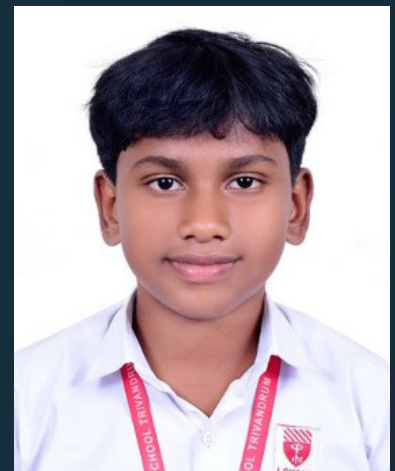
READING DAY 2026: CELEBRATING THE POWER OF BOOKS

Reading Day reminds us of the importance of books as our lifelong companions. Reading is a powerful exercise for the mind that nurtures intellectual growth, emotional maturity, and critical thinking. In an age dominated by digital media, excessive screen time has gradually replaced the habit of reading. Therefore, a conscious and sustained effort is needed to cultivate a reading culture among the younger generation. Recognising this need, Loyola School celebrated Reading Day on 19 June 2026 with a variety of programmes aimed at inspiring students to develop a lifelong love for reading.

The event began with a prayer song by the school choir, invoking the Almighty's blessings. Our Assistant School Leader, Daksh R. Nair, warmly welcomed the gathering with an enthusiastic opening address. The Chief Guest, Dr Sonya J. Nair, Head of the Department and Associate Professor of English at All Saints' College, Thiruvananthapuram, spoke on the many dimensions of reading. She emphasised that reading not only enhances vocabulary and language skills but also enables us to explore the hidden and unexplored knowledge of the Earth and the Universe. She also highlighted that the pursuit of knowledge broadens our perspectives, fosters critical thinking, and helps us to see people, ideas, and events from different viewpoints.

Poetry, often called the language of the heart, expresses thoughts and emotions with beauty and depth. Students presented poems in English, Malayalam, Hindi, Sanskrit, Tamil, German, and French. Although the languages differed, the beauty of literature united everyone. Following the poetry segment, the programme featured a video presentation that highlighted the importance of reading and its profound impact on our lives.

As a gesture of gratitude and appreciation, Fr Ramlat Thomas SJ presented a memento to Dr Sonya J. Nair, recognising her inspiring presence and valuable insights. This was followed by the vote of thanks, proposed by Arjun A. of VII B1, who sincerely acknowledged the contributions of all those who ensured the success of the event. The celebration concluded with the singing of the School Anthem, leaving the audience inspired to embrace reading as a lifelong companion and a gateway to knowledge.



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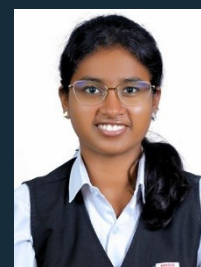
IGNITING INNOVATION: A REPORT ON THE YIP AWARENESS SESSION

A Young Innovators Programme (YIP) awareness session was conducted at Loyola School on 30 June 2026 to introduce students to the programme and encourage them to develop innovative ideas. The session was led by Mr Biju Parameswaran, the State-wide Head of YIP at K-DISC, along with Project Intern, Ms Amruta.

To begin with, Mr Parameswaran explained the objectives of YIP and emphasised the importance of innovation in solving real-life problems. Through inspiring examples, he encouraged students to think creatively and highlighted how innovative ideas can make a positive impact on society.

Building on this, Ms Amruta provided a detailed demonstration of how to use the YIP application. She explained the registration process, the steps involved in submitting ideas, and the guidelines participants should follow. Students were informed that individuals between the ages of 17 and 37 are eligible to participate in the programme, and they must form a team to submit their innovative ideas through the application.

The speakers encouraged all eligible students to take part in the programme and make the most of this opportunity to showcase their creativity and problem-solving skills. The session was highly interactive, with students actively participating by asking questions and clarifying their doubts. Overall, the YIP awareness session was informative, engaging, and motivating, inspiring students to think innovatively.



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ASIAN GAMES STATE LEVEL INAUGURATION

On 19 June 2026, the NCC cadets of our school were privileged to receive a remarkable opportunity to visit the Kerala Legislative Assembly and participate in a special programme related to India's preparations and vision for hosting the Asian Games in 2036. Loyola School was among the selected few institutions invited to attend this prestigious event. Under the guidance of our instructor, CTO Rajesh T.G., our cadets travelled to the Assembly in the school van and represented the institution with pride and distinction. The programme commenced with an informative briefing highlighting the significance of the Asian Games and the immense sporting, economic, and developmental benefits that hosting such a global event could bring to India. The session provided valuable insights into the nation's aspirations for international sporting excellence and infrastructure development.

The selected representatives from our school had the unique privilege of interacting with distinguished leaders and witnessing the proceedings in the esteemed premises of the Kerala Legislative Assembly. The occasion was both enlightening and inspiring, leaving a lasting impression on all the cadets present. The dignitary who addressed the gathering commended our school for its exemplary discipline, professionalism, and the values upheld by the Loyola institution. As a gesture of encouragement and environmental responsibility, saplings were presented to the students for planting on the school campus. Overall, this visit was an occasion of immense pride and honour for Loyola School. The experience of participating in such a prestigious programme and representing the institution at the Kerala Legislative Assembly will remain a cherished memory for our NCC cadets, inspiring them to continue striving for excellence in all their endeavours.



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LA FEST 26: A CELEBRATION TO REMEMBER

Every senior batch of Loyola School proudly believes that its LA Fest was the best ever. The Batch of 2027 now joins that tradition, confidently claiming that the recently concluded LA Fest 26 was one of the finest celebrations in the history of our school. Looking at the enthusiasm, creativity, and meticulous planning that marked the event, it is hard to disagree.

The journey began months in advance. From February onwards, the students worked tirelessly, dedicating countless hours to planning, organising, rehearsing, and perfecting every detail. Their commitment, teamwork, and perseverance transformed an ambitious dream into a spectacular reality.

A memorable coincidence made this year's celebration even more special—the 26th edition of LA Fest was held on 26th June 2026. The occasion was further enriched by the gracious presence of our former Principal, Fr. Varghese Anikuzhy SJ, and former Vice Principal, Fr. Joseph Edassery SJ, who had served the school with dedication for nearly two decades. Their presence brought back cherished memories and strengthened the bond between Loyola's past and present. It was a double joy to have Mr. Shambu Ajith, a renowned rap singer, as the Guest of Honour. His presence was even more special because he had the privilege of being a student of both Fr. Varghese and Fr. Joseph. Many alumni from different batches also joined the celebration, mentoring, encouraging, and standing alongside the students throughout the preparations. The present senior batch deserves special appreciation for its outstanding leadership, organisational skills, creativity, meticulous planning, and tireless commitment. Every committee carried out its responsibilities with remarkable efficiency, ensuring that every aspect of the festival reflected excellence. Equally commendable was the wholehearted involvement of the junior batch, whose enthusiasm, discipline, teamwork, hospitality, and attention to detail added immense value to the event.

Their beautifully decorated stalls, innovative ideas, warm reception of guests, and seamless coordination made LA Fest 26 a truly memorable experience. Together, the senior and junior students demonstrated that when young minds work with passion and unity, extraordinary things happen.

With the participation of 16 schools, LA Fest 26 truly became a vibrant inter-school cultural extravaganza. Every organising committee displayed remarkable attention to detail, creativity, and professionalism. The wholehearted support of the alumni, parents, and well-wishers contributed immensely to the success of the event. The stage came alive with music, dance, drama, art, and imagination. The lively atmosphere, colourful performances, and enthusiastic participation made the event a true celebration of youthful talent and creativity. Students and teachers from the participating schools thoroughly enjoyed every moment of the festival.

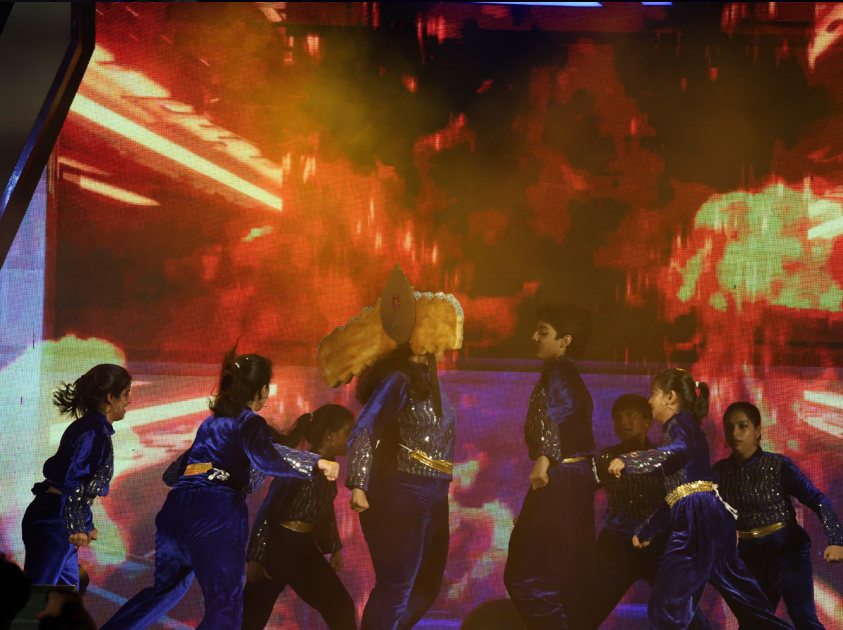
The winners were honoured with trophies and prizes for their outstanding performances. The School of the Good Shepherd emerged as the Overall Champions, lifting the prestigious LA Fest Trophy for the third consecutive year, a remarkable achievement worthy of admiration. LA Fest is far more than a cultural competition. It is a celebration of friendship, leadership, creativity, collaboration, and the indomitable Loyola spirit. Every batch leaves its unique imprint, inspiring the next generation to dream bigger and achieve greater heights. As one batch passes on the torch to the next, the legacy of LA Fest continues to grow stronger. Batches will come and go, but the memories, friendships, and spirit of LA Fest will remain etched in the hearts of every Loyolite forever.



Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ











Kick-Off to a New Era

The Loyola School campus came alive with celebration and anticipation as the school formally inaugurated its brand new sports turf – a long awaited addition that promises to transform sporting life on campus. Staff, PTA members, and students gathered for a morning that seamlessly wove together ceremony, performance, and play.

The proceedings opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony and the unfurling of the flag of L Operation Toofan, the new anti drug campaign launched at Loyola School by the Chief Guest, Honourable Home Minister Shri Ramesh Chennithala. The programme began with the school anthem, followed by a prayer. The School Leader, Master Abhinav P. K., delivered the welcome address, setting a warm and purposeful tone for the celebrations.

Two performances anchored the cultural segment of the morning. The students of Class V and XII presented a high energy dance inspired by the ongoing FIFA World Cup, channelling the excitement of the global tournament onto the new turf. This was followed by a striking performance by students of Classes V to XI on the theme Operation Toofan, the State's anti narcotics campaign, carrying a message of awareness and hope to the audience.

The school was privileged to welcome Shri Ramesh Chennithala, Minister for Home, Vigilance, Fire & Rescue Services, Prisons & Coir, as Chief Guest. In his inaugural address, he announced that Loyola School will now have Student Police Cadets. He also administered a pledge in support of Operation Toofan, which was repeated by everyone present, reaffirming the community's commitment to a drug free society. The principal, Fr. Dr. Salvin Augustine SJ, was honoured with the title of 'Toofan Warrior' by the Home Minister. Tokens of appreciation were presented to the dignitaries. Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ and Fr Ramlat Thomas SJ honoured Shri Ramesh Chennithala, while Mr Afsal, the contractor whose hard work brought the turf to life, was felicitated by

the Minister. Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ, Rector and Manager of Loyola School, then addressed the gathering with words of encouragement, reflecting on what the new facility means for the school's future. The Sports Secretary, Master Navneeth Pothuval, concluded the formal proceedings with the vote of thanks. To mark the occasion, Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ, Fr Dr Salvin Augustine SJ, and Fr Ramlat Thomas SJ took a penalty shot to inaugurate the One Million Goals @ FIFA World Cup 2026 initiative by the Government of Kerala.

The festivities culminated on the turf itself with a spirited inaugural match between two Class XII teams representing Argentina and Brazil. The dignitaries stepped onto the field to meet the players ahead of kick off. After a well fought contest, Team Brazil emerged victorious, filling the new turf with the spirit of competition it was built to inspire. As the ceremony drew to a close, the new turf stood as more than a facility; it became a stage for the future – a place where determination will be tested, talent will be forged, and the next generation of athletes will prepare to conquer the world.



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BLESSING OF THE RENOVATED MULTIMEDIA





LOYOLA EXTERNSHIP 2026: EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING IN ACTION

Loyola School, Sreekariyam, in association with LOBA EXPLORE and the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), continued its pioneering journey of experiential learning through the Loyola Externship Programme 2026. Launched as a flagship initiative in 2022, the programme has steadily grown into a significant educational enterprise. The 2026 edition was coordinated under the guidance of Fr. Dr Salvin Augustine SJ, Director and Principal; Fr. Ramlat Thomas SJ, Principal; Dr. Suresh K. Aravind and Hari Gangadharan of LOBA EXPLORE; LOBA members G. Unnikrishnan, Philippose Mathew, and Jacob Mathan; Dr. Anju Deepak, PTA President (2025–26); S. Rakesh Kumar, PTA Representative, and Loyola faculty members Asha S., Judy K. Punnoose, Roshy Thomas, and Sarah Koshy.

The programme commenced with a comprehensive orientation session designed to prepare students of class 11 for professional environments with confidence, responsibility, discipline, and respect. They were introduced to the objectives of the programme, workplace etiquette, punctuality, professional presentation, communication, confidentiality, organisational discipline, observation and questioning skills, networking etiquette, safety, reflection, and gratitude. It was emphasised that an externship is not merely an organisational visit but a structured educational experience requiring observation, participation, questioning, professional behaviour, and reflection.

With this foundation, students stepped into authentic professional environments where classroom concepts acquired new meaning through practical application. Depending on the nature of the organisation, students participated in job shadowing, professional interactions, departmental briefings, facility tours, laboratory visits, live demonstrations, presentations, case studies, team meetings, round-table discussions, problem-solving exercises, hands-on activities, project discussions, real-time professional processes, research exposure, and mentor interactions.

Healthcare institutions such as Gitanjali Eye and ENT Hospital; Neyyar Medicity / Loka Medicity Hospital; Ananthapuri Hospital and Research Institute; Sabine Hospital; Pallium India / Aysha Memorial Hospital; SP Medifort; Sree Dhanwantary Ayurveda Hospital; Aagasthya Heritage Ayurveda Hospital; Yana Women's Hospital and Fertility Centre; NIMS Hospital; Credence Hospital; Dr. Somervell Memorial CSI Medical College and Hospital; Santhosh Rollands Hospital; Kamala Dental Clinic; and Blue Spring Dental, introduced students to specialised and multidisciplinary healthcare, diagnostics, hospital administration, patient-care systems, women's health, fertility medicine, palliative care, Ayurveda, dentistry, teamwork, emergency preparedness, ethics, empathy, and professional responsibility.

At Livingworld Architects, students gained insights into architectural planning, design thinking, conceptual development, project execution, client interaction, teamwork, and the transformation of creative ideas into functional spaces. Students experienced the dynamic world of technology through UST; Terrific Minds / Lume XR; Travancore Analytics; IBS Software; CareStack; Softnotions; InApp; Tata Elxsi; and Quadance Tech, which introduced them to digital transformation, software development, analytics, immersive and healthcare applications, aviation and travel systems, engineering, product design, project management, innovation, and emerging digital careers.

Students interested in scientific inquiry and research gained exposure to space science, advanced engineering, biotechnology, healthcare technology, laboratory work, research methodology, precision, innovation, and the role of science in national development through the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST); Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER); HLL Lifecare; and Rajiv Gandhi Biotech Centre. The Thiruvananthapuram Zoo and WWF helped students develop insights into animal care, biodiversity, habitat management, environmental conservation, ecological responsibility, sustainability, and the importance of collective action in protecting the natural world.

Students inclined towards commerce, accounting, finance, and investment received valuable exposure through Shyam Shekhar, Kumar Associates, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), and Capstocks, where they were introduced to accounting, taxation, auditing, consulting, financial markets, investment and trading, market analysis, professional ethics, confidentiality, integrity, and informed decision-making.

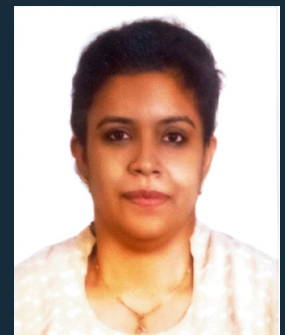
Red FM and Kerala Kaumudi offered insights broadcasting, journalism, content creation, and the responsibility of media in society, while Hotels Mascot, Hycinth, and Dimora introduced students to front-office operations, guest relations, food and beverage services, housekeeping, event management, and hospitality administration.

At Stark Communications, students were introduced to advertising, branding, public relations, creative strategy, campaign development, content creation, client servicing, and professional communication. In addition, the Matchstick Industry introduced students to raw-material procurement, manufacturing processes, production planning, quality control, workforce management, packaging, distribution, logistics, entrepreneurship, and the important role of small-scale industries in economic development.

A cornerstone of the externship was mentorship, as professionals generously shared their knowledge, challenges, and insights. Students reflected on surprises within each profession, the skills required, and the connections between academics and careers. For some, the externship confirmed an existing career aspiration; for others, it opened entirely new possibilities. Faculty coordinators ensured smooth execution through registration, career-interest screening, parent communication, scheduling, logistics, feedback, and documentation, thereby supporting students throughout the journey.

The programme concluded with a celebration of learning, mentorship, and gratitude. Company coordinators and mentors were felicitated, while students were commended for their discipline, curiosity, and adaptability.

The journey from aspiration to achievement requires exposure, guidance, and experience. Through the Loyola Externship Programme 2026, students were given the opportunity to take an important step across that bridge – towards informed choices, professional excellence, responsible leadership, and purposeful futures.



Ms Sarah Koshy



Loyola School

**OUR COLLECTIVE
TRIUMPHS**





ABHIRAM S NITHIN (XII F1)
FIRST PRIZE
 GRAND FINALE
 SPELL BEE COMPETITION



AKSHITH K R (V C)
FIRST PRIZE
 FOR CONSTRUCTING AN AESTHETIC,
 BEAUTIFUL AND INNOVATIVE MODEL
 WIZKIDSCARNIVAL'S
 ALL INDIA KIDS PREMIER LEAGUE



MARTIN JOHNY ZACHARIA (X B)
VAISHNAV SUNITA RENJITH (X C)
SCORED THE HIGHEST POINTS WITH A
CONSOLATION PRIZE
 OLYMPICS AND SPORTS QUIZ
 THE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF KERALA



RITHUNANDAN V (V B)
SECOND PRIZE
 UPS - PAINTING
 PAINTING COMPETITION
 TVPM DISTRICT OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION



Our alumnus, Lt Gen PK Mishra, was awarded (UYSM - Uttam Yudh Seva Medal) for his outstanding contribution to Operation Sindoor by Her Excellency Droupadi Murmu, the President of India

Congratulations



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