

His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Polycarpus, our Patron and Chairman; Honourable Chief Guest Dr. Raju Narayana Swami, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Government of Kerala—who is expected to join us shortly; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fr. Job Kalluvilayil, our Vicar General of the Mavelikara Diocese; Rev. Fr. Varghese Karimpalil, our Director; Rev. Fr. Jerin Jose Thundil, our Assistant Director; Sri. Aby Abraham, Vice Principal; Sri. Vishnu V. S., PTA President; Smt. Vaisali Satheesh, PTA Vice President; Master Criss Lee Abison, our Head Boy; our Rev. Fathers, Sisters, esteemed special invitees, parents, well-wishers, friends, dedicated members of the staff, and my dear students,

It is indeed a moment of great joy and honour to extend a **warm and hearty welcome to each one of you** to the **28th Annual Day Celebration of Vimala Central School**.

With hearts filled with gratitude to God Almighty for His unfailing grace and guidance, along with warm sentiments of love and goodwill, I now present a brief account of the academic year **2025–26** at Vimala Central School, Karamcode, Kollam.

At the outset, I wish to place on record our deep appreciation and profound gratitude to **His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Joshua Mar Ignathios, the Emeritus Bishop of the Mavelikkara Diocese**, whose tireless efforts, wise counsel, and selfless commitment have been instrumental in shaping this institution. During his gracious tenure, his visionary leadership, steadfast dedication, and boundless enthusiasm guided Vimala Central School to notable heights of excellence and achievement. We remain ever grateful for his enduring legacy and inspiring stewardship.

I now respectfully acknowledge **His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Polycarpus**, our Patron and Chairman, who assumed office as the Bishop of the Mavelikkara Diocese on **29 June 2025**, and whose gracious presence adorns the dais today. His Grace holds a Doctorate in French Literature (2010), having pursued higher studies in India and Paris. He joined Mar Ivanios College in 1990 and later served as its Bursar and Principal. He has also rendered valuable service in key academic and administrative capacities with the University Grants Commission, Kerala University, the Kerala Public Service Commission, and various advisory bodies. His Grace's fatherly guidance, prayerful leadership, and constant encouragement continue to inspire and strengthen our institution. We remain deeply thankful for His Grace's continued blessings and guidance for the sustained growth and future development of Vimala Central School.

On this auspicious occasion, I also acknowledge with gratitude **Rev. Dr. Stephen Kulathumkarott**, our former Vicar General and Unaided Schools Correspondent of the Mavelikara Diocese, and former Director-cum-Principal of this institution, whose visionary leadership and devoted service have significantly contributed to the progress of the school.

With great joy, I express my gratitude to our esteemed new Vicar General of the Diocese of Mavelikkara, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fr. Job Kalluvilayil, whose gracious presence on this day today is truly a blessing for us. He has rendered commendable service as the Principal of Mar Ivanios College of Law, Puliyoor, Chengannur, and is known for his dedicated leadership and commitment to education.

I gratefully remember the dedicated service of Rev. Fr. Samuel Pazhavorpadicakal, who served as our Director for the past four years with great commitment and love. I also place on record our sincere appreciation for Rev. Fr. Daniel Puthenpurackal, our former Assistant Director, whose caring service is fondly remembered.

I express my sincere gratitude to Rev. Fr. Varghese Karimpalil, our new Director, for his inspiring guidance, constant support, and gracious cooperation. I also extend my heartfelt thanks to Rev. Fr. Jerin Jose Thundil, our new Assistant Director, and Vice-Principal Sri Aby Abraham, whose unwavering support and wholehearted cooperation have been a great source of strength. A special word of thanks goes to the Academic Coordinator, Ms. Sobha Susan, and all the Animators for their invaluable and dedicated support. I take this opportunity to place on record my deep appreciation for the teaching and non-teaching staff for their committed service and unfailing cooperation, and to every student, parent, and well-wisher whose sincere efforts continue to nurture and strengthen this institution.

Our institution began with a simple yet powerful vision—to create a space where young minds could grow, explore, and discover their true potential. Rooted in a commitment to community service, the school was established in 1998 through the foresight of the Malankara Catholic Charitable Society. We were affiliated with the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi, on April 1, 2000, and steadily upgraded to a High School in 2003–04 and a Senior Secondary School in 2005. Ever since, our journey has been one of growth, gratitude, and glorious milestones

We take immense pride in the exceptional performance of our students in the 2024–25 SSCE and SSE examinations, where they achieved an extraordinary 100% pass rate in both categories. Their unwavering commitment and disciplined effort shine like beacons of excellence. In the Plus Two examinations, **Lakshmi Narayanan S** secured the top position with an impressive **488 marks**. Out of 79 students, **13 achieved A1 in all subjects**, and **25 scored above 90%**. In the Class 10 Board Examination, **ten students secured A1 in all subjects**, and **Rithika Nair M** emerged as the topper with a remarkable **496 marks**. Additionally, **57 students scored above 90%**, reaffirming our strong academic tradition.

These achievements highlight our dedication to academic excellence and the holistic growth of every learner. We wholeheartedly congratulate our achievers, their families, and our committed faculty, whose guidance and perseverance made this success possible. Our academic team comprises exemplary teachers in core subjects, supported by skilled instructors in Physical Education, Artificial Intelligence, Abacus, Music, Dance, Martial

Arts, Roller Skating, Basketball, Hockey, Football, and Athletics—forming an ecosystem where talent is nurtured and every child is empowered.

As part of our extended and experiential learning initiatives, the school organized enriching field trips. Students of Classes X and XII visited the Botanical Garden, Palode; VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram; the Priyadarshini Planetarium; and the Oil Palm Plantation, Kulathupuzha. Students from the secondary section also visited the Sheematti Spinning Mill, Chathannoor, gaining valuable hands-on insights into production processes.

A wellness team from ICMR Medical College, Paripally, conducted an impactful session on health and well-being.

We also conducted several awareness and enrichment programmes:

- *Safeguarding Innocence*—a POCSO awareness programme led by ASI Bindhu and Mr. Antony Tobias from Chathannoor Police Station for the secondary section.
- An English Enrichment Programme by Mr. Jomon P. John, an expert in IELTS, OET, and phonetics
- A reading skills enhancement session for Classes 3 and 4 by Mrs. Praveena Nair
- A screen addiction awareness programme in collaboration with Federal Bank and Malayala Manorama

These sessions provided students with essential life skills and strengthened their confidence, discipline, and awareness.

Throughout the year, the school celebrated a vibrant spectrum of events such as Environment Day, Reading Week, World Music Day, International Yoga Day, Anti-Drug Day, Vana Mahotsav, National Paper Bag Day, World Population Day, Lunar Day, Hindi Diwas, Karshakadinam, Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day, Nature Conservation Day, Independence Day, Teachers' Day, Onam, Gandhi Jayanti, Postal Day, UN Day, Kerala Piravi, and Children's Day. Each celebration added colour, character, and meaning to our school life.

In our commitment to innovation, EVINCE 2025 was held on November 1st, offering students a vibrant platform to present scientific and creative projects. The event was inaugurated by **Mr. Prasanth P., Scientist, ISRO Inertial Systems Unit**, whose presence inspired every young mind. EVINCE reaffirmed our mission to nurture curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking—the sparks that fuel future innovators.

Our school's AI Wing for the Secondary and Senior Secondary sections continued its mission of shaping technologically capable students. With well-planned sessions, hands-on activities, and guided projects by the Techosa team, students explored emerging technologies and strengthened their analytical and inventive thinking.

Student-led clubs enriched the school through meaningful initiatives. The Charity Club continued its mission of service, distributing food packets at old-age homes and organizing charity stalls—instilling compassion, generosity, and social responsibility. Our participation in educational initiatives by Manorama and Mathrubhumi—Nallapadam, Balajanasakhyam, and SEED—allowed students to showcase creativity, environmental care, and leadership skills. The daily school assembly set the tone for each day, promoting unity, discipline, and confidence.

The Arts Fest, *Rhythm 2K25*, became a celebration of colour, culture, and creativity. Over two days, the campus came alive with music, dance, drama, and fine arts. Our talented students excelled in various events, bringing honour to the school through their outstanding performances in the Lingua Fiesta, Kollam Sahodaya Olympiad Gateway 2025, Sahodaya Sargotsav, and the State-level CBSE Kalotsav. In Olympiad Gateway 2025, **110 of our students** won cash awards ranging from ₹500 to ₹3,000 along with Merit Certificates. We proudly secured the **Overall Championship** at Sahodaya Sargotsav 2025, hosted at Gayatri Central School, Kayamkulam. At the State-level Kalotsav, **Gowtham J. S. of Class X B** secured the **Third Position** in Pencil Drawing and Cartoon, showcasing remarkable artistic brilliance.

True potential often reveals itself when we dare to take the very first step—and our School Sports Meet, held on the 12th and 13th of September, became that vibrant arena where our students came together, embraced healthy competition, and showcased their remarkable athletic talent. This year also, we were privileged to host the Kollam Sahodaya Sports Meet at Sreepadam Stadium, Attingal—an event that added pride to our purpose and strength to our stride. Our school emerged as the **Overall Champion**, proudly securing the **Individual Championship titles** in all categories.

Our budding athletes carried this winning momentum forward, displaying their sporting excellence at the **ASMITA Meet** held at Lal Bahadur Stadium, Kollam, and at the **Kerala Central Schools' Meet** at Sreepadam Stadium, Attingal—bringing home several meritorious achievements that illuminated the school's sporting legacy. These remarkable accomplishments stand as a glowing testament to the unwavering dedication, disciplined effort, true teamwork, and indomitable spirit of our young champions and the Physical Education Department.

Our school continues to promote joyful and experiential learning through educational tours and excursions. Classes X and XII embarked on a four-day tour to Coorg, Mysuru, and Wayanad.

Classes VI to XI enjoyed a refreshing two-day trip to Kodaikanal. Students from LKG to Class II had a delightful outing to the Mall of Travancore, while Classes III to V explored Magic Planet, Thiruvananthapuram.

Guided by the inspiring motto ‘Faith, Study, Service’, the Kerala Catholic Students’ League unit for this academic year was formally inaugurated in our school on 4th August 2025. The ceremony was blessed by the presence of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fr. Job Kalluvilayil, Vicar General of the Mavelikkara Diocese, who delivered an enlightening and deeply motivating inaugural address. The Students’ Council for 2025–26 has set a remarkable example of disciplined leadership and teamwork. Led by Head Boy Criss Lee Abison and Head Girl Navami R. Nair, the Council has played a significant role in maintaining a vibrant, well-organised campus environment.

Our Parent–Teacher Association (PTA) remains a strong and supportive pillar of the school. With **Mr. Vishnu V. S** as PTA President and **Ms. Vaisali Sateesh** as PTA Vice President, the PTA has played a key role in bridging home and school. The Executive Committee members—Mrs. Samitha Azhar, Mrs. Neethu G. Babu, Mrs. Lekshmi R, Mr. Sajikrishnan S. G, Mrs. Saleena Saji, Fr. Thomas N. A, Mrs. Bindhya Shanoj, Mrs. Remya Prakash, Mrs. Anitha P. S, Mrs. Rasini R, Mr. Praveen C. V, and Mr. Deepu R—have consistently offered unwavering support to all school initiatives. Their commitment and cooperation are deeply appreciated.

As I conclude this report, I humbly thank God Almighty for His abundant blessings bestowed upon this institution over the past twenty-eight years, through the loving intercession of our heavenly patron, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

I place on record my sincere gratitude and appreciation to our Chairman, His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Polycarpus, for his valuable guidance, support, and blessings. I also gratefully acknowledge Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fr. Job Kalluvilayil, Vicar General of the Mavelikara Diocese; Rev. Fr. Dr. Francis Plavarakunnil, Procurator of the Diocese; Rev. Fr. Dr. G. Abraham Thalothil, CBSE Schools Correspondent of the Diocese; Rev. Fr. Varghese Karimpalil, our beloved Director; Rev. Fr. Jerin Jose Thundil, Assistant. Director; the Managing Committee; the teaching and non-teaching staff; the students; the PTA Executive Committee; parents; and all well-wishers and stakeholders for their consistent support, guidance, and cooperation throughout the academic year.

Invoking God’s continued blessings upon our institution, I respectfully present this report for the academic year 2025–26.

Karamcode,
20-12-2025.

Tom Mathew
Principal.