

# THE PTA TIMES

LOVINGLY PREPARED BY THE ROSSETT ACRE PTA



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

### OUR WINTER TERM ROUNDUP

We've done a lot! Thank you for supporting us every step of the way. You have helped us to raise over £6k this term!

It's probably not surprising to know that we have a lot to share with you in this newsletter - we do hope you read to the end!

The PTA is growing, and because we have more hands on deck, we're able to do more, which ultimately is raising more funds for our school.

That being said, we're already working on some really exciting initiatives for next term. Before then, we hope you all have a very lovely break, enjoy some family time, rest and be merry!



*This tree is still looking for its Christmas Day home - please email [rossettaacrepta@gmail.com](mailto:rossettaacrepta@gmail.com) if you would like it*

# TERM ROUND UP

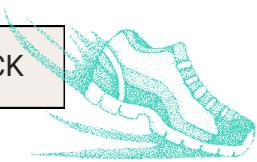
## WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

### PARK RUN

Kicking off the term was one of our most supported community events, which raised an incredible: £3036.75

We do hope that you are continuing to take part in the Junior Park Run on a Sunday morning. We are also already looking ahead and would love to hear your thoughts for our next one!

[PARK RUN FEEDBACK](#)



### JUMBLE SALE

Thank you to everyone for all the donations and support on the day - this event brought in £739.70  
As an annual event, please do be sure to keep any Jumble stowed away for our next one!!

### STORY EVENING

Our first Story Evening of the year was gorgeous. Children came in their pyjamas, brought a teddy and snuggled with friends as the listened to stories read by some fabulous parent volunteers. Thank you. We raised £193.61

### CHRISTMAS EVENT

A great way to kick off the festive period. From the games and crafts to Santa's Grotto and the Makers Market, our Christmas Event was fabulous and we raised £2008!

[CHRISTMAS FEEDBACK](#)



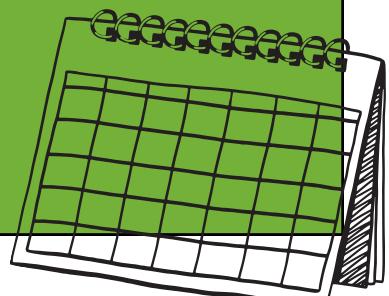
### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thanks to some incredible sponsors and some fabulous prizes, this year's Christmas raffle raised £786. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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# SCHOOL FUNDING

FOR A BIT OF CLARITY

Once upon time PTA's had the luxury of helping to fund 'nice to haves'. Now, schools desperately need support with essential requirements.

Things that we take for granted and assume fall within annual school budgets, actually don't.

Our PTA wanted to learn a bit more about school funding so that we could better understand school requirements. So, this term, Mrs Macnair and Miss Woodcock shared some very valuable information:

- Approx. 80% of Government funding goes on staffing. Leaving 20% for the running of the school
- Increase in requirement for supply teaching
- Additional costs include £1000s needed for drainage and roof fixes
- Red Kite has a Schools Condition Allocation Fund, which each school needs to bid for the funding which is difficult to be accepted for as other schools have similar issues
- Increase to minimum wage has impacted costs for catering, grounds, maintenance and cleaning staff. However, funding does not match this
- School completes a census 3 times a year and funding is based on the October census for the following academic year. September to October is transient and often leaves a gap



These are the main reasons that schools need money for classroom resources, and why the PTA is becoming an additional necessity for funding the gap.

Whilst other funding options have been explored, they have run into roadblocks.

If you would like any more information, we would be happy to share it with you if we can. Just [email](#) us your queries.

## What We Have Funded

OUR TERMLY SPEND

Earlier this term we agreed to provide some essential funding to EYFS for classroom improvements.

The PTA also pledged £300 to each classroom. The list of spend is still being collated but once we have this, we would be happy to share it with you.



## What's Next

PLEASE HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR

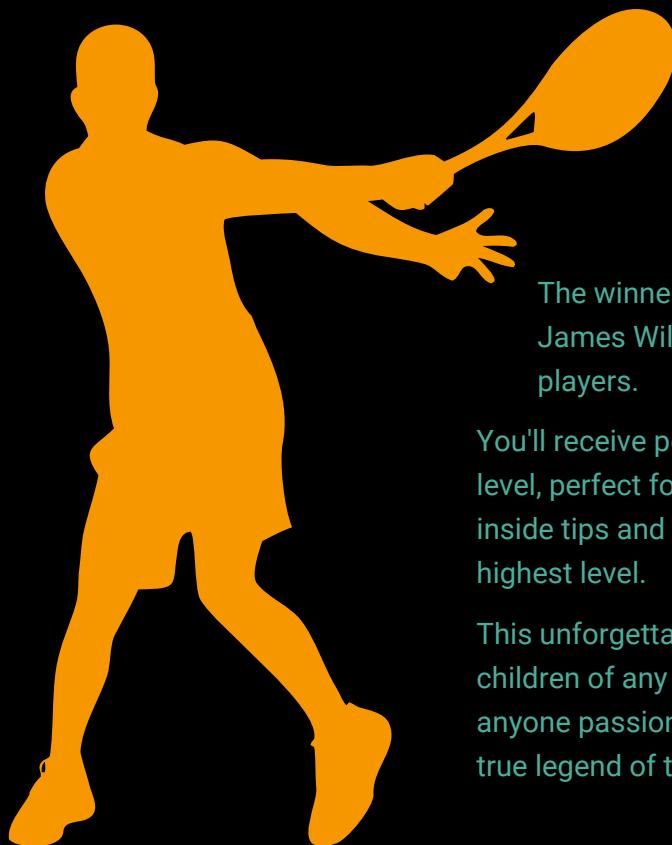
We are hoping that our next significant investment will go towards some essential computing upgrades.



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# ACE AUCTION

RALLY WITH ROYALTY:  
TRAIN WITH A LEGEND



More details will be released soon but you can still be one of the first to get tickets!

[GET YOUR TICKETS](#)

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity.  
Win a Private Squash Session with James Willstrop - Former World No. 1 & British Squash Icon

The winner will enjoy a one-on-one training session with James Willstrop, one of Britain's greatest squash players.

You'll receive personalised coaching tailored to your skill level, perfect for beginners to advanced players, along with inside tips and techniques from a player who competed at the highest level.

This unforgettable experience is suitable for adults or children of any age, making it an incredible opportunity for anyone passionate about squash or looking to learn from a true legend of the sport.

## We Are Truly Honoured

TO HAVE MR. WILLSTROP AS PART OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

This is an initiative really close to our hearts. The Willstrop family has been an integral part of the Rossett Acre family for number of years and we are so excited to champion their achievements.

Not only that, but in doing so we hope to raise the profile of the beautiful game that is squash and encourage more active and healthier lifestyles.

James Willstrop is a World No. 1 and a three time British National Squash Champion.

Known for his elegant style and tactical brilliance, he's the perfect coach to elevate anyone's game - whether you're just picking up a racket or looking to take your skills to the next level.

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ROSSETT ACRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT



FRIDAY 13 MARCH, 2026  
1830 - LATE (ISH!)

This is an extremely popular event and booking is essential.

We will be looking for teams of six (ideally). These do not need to be made up beforehand and teams can be agreed on the night. Do not worry if you don't have a team but would like to come!

**BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW**



**FEATURING LIVE MUSIC FROM:**

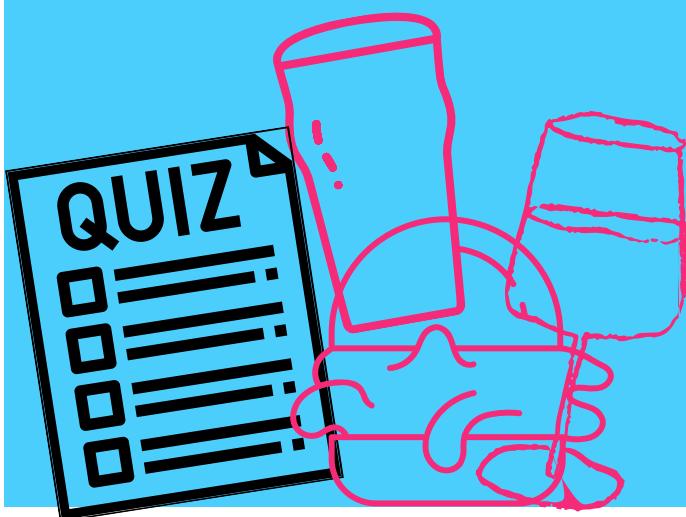


Join us for the quiz of the year! An opportunity for the grown ups to get together and enjoy a masterful quiz, drinks, nibbles and some really good home cooked grub!

You really don't want to miss this one! It's going to be the best one yet!

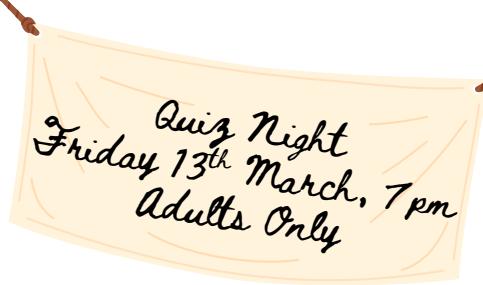
We will be joined, for the first time, by the incredible Rock Kites band! They will be entertaining you as you arrive and also performing a live music round!

[P.s if you don't know, the Rock Kites are part of the Rossett Acre Family - Ben and Stanley (Y6) would love to see you support them!]



# Thank You

WE CAN'T END WITHOUT SOME BIG THANK YOUS!



Our fundraising does not happen without the support of our fabulous community. It starts with our parents, teaching staff and amazing school support team, and extends to our wonderful families, friends and colleagues.

We know we ask for a lot. We also know that lives are busy, committing to help is difficult and having a spare few, completely free hours is a luxury. But whatever you've been able to do to support the PTA - please know, we are so very grateful.

So, to all you lovely parents, teachers, Mrs Misseldine, Mrs Macnair, Mrs Rodney, Miss Baxter, Mr Roberts and everyone else that has gone above and beyond to make some incredible things happen this term - Thank You.

BE PART OF SOMETHING WONDERFUL



## Sarah R

COMMITTEE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

A reliable doer - We can't thank you enough for all that you have done and continue to do. Thank you for always raising your hand to help and for always showing up!

Our gratitude also extends to your family. Their support is invaluable to us too.

And we couldn't not mention the incredible enthusiasm from your children to always help out and be involved. They are amazing - as are you!

# WHAT WE'VE GOT COMING UP

A LITTLE SNEAK PEAK INTO WHAT OUR SPRING TERM HAS IN STORE

Our calendar for next term is already filling up! We will be sharing more details of all this in January. Until then, mark the dates in your calendar, get your tickets and gather your donations! If you would like to help with any of these events or have any questions, please get in touch.



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ROCK KITES



## STORY EVENING

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Open to Early Years, YR1 and YR2 pupils.

FIND OUT MORE

## EASTER HAMPERS

ALL DONATIONS WELCOME FROM  
EARLY FEBRUARY



We will once again be asking for donations for our Easter Hampers. Last year was a huge success and we're hoping this one will be even bigger!



## OUR PURPOSE

### WHY THE PTA IS SO IMPORTANT

Our PTA, your PTA, has done and is continuing to do some incredible things.

So far this school year the PTA's events and initiatives have raised over £6k! And that really is down to not just the efforts of the PTA but the wider school community. So thank you.

It would be remiss of us if we didn't remind you of our purpose. We know you've seen this before but - it's important... The PTA exists:

- To build our school community
- To bring teachers and parents together to support the school
- To raise essential funds for the school
- To host great events
- To deliver fabulous initiatives

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### THERE IS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

We know our school community holds some incredible talent and skill and would love for you to share it with us!

Earlier in this newsletter we talked about match funding - this could make such an incredible difference for our school.

Or perhaps you have a skill that you'd be willing to share/use to support the efforts of the PTA?

Let's not forget that we're always on the hunt for supplies for our events too. Supplies and suppliers in fact!

If you think you can help in any way at all - big, small or medium - we really would love to hear from you.

For now, we thank you for your ongoing support. It means a lot to us.

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