

NOAHS ARK PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1024151

Details

Other names NOAHS ARK PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-07-29

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE

Activities: We are a Pre-school Playgroup which offers sessional child care to children aged 2 to 5

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£175,714	£164,111	-	-
2024-03-31	£155,859	£131,095	-	-
2023-03-31	£143,267	£130,265	-	-
2022-03-31	£98,015	£89,554	-	-
2021-03-31	£88,795	£80,466	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Georgina Yeomans		2022-10-11
Hannah Cooksey		2021-07-26
Thomas Diodge		2025-07-01

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Chairpersons Report April 2024 March 2025

Welcome to everyone who has joined us today. I am pleased to announce that as we end another financial year, our numbers remained good.

In July 2024. 18 children graduated in front of their parents and families inside the hall and then the children had another Hawaiian Hula party with cocktails, paddling pools, bubbles, and party games.

We returned in September 2024 with a good number of children and by Christmas we were nearing maximum capacity.

In December we held our annual Christmas party for the children complete with disco, treats, party games and Santa himself popped in with gifts for all the children. The children and the staff all had a wonderful time.

There have been many small trips around Kimberley, walks to Sainsbury's, the library and the post office, we have been gifted books for the children from Save the Children. We have also explored the nature trail.

I would like to end in again thanking all staff, committee members, Volunteers, Parents and Children for making Noah's Ark a great playgroup and look forward to it continuing successfully.

AGM Report 2024/25

The Financial Year 24/25 for Playgroup has once again been good.

Playgroup has continued to have a large upturn in numbers and at the end of March 2024 our capacity is full. 19 children Left in July 2024 for school

Because of continued demand in places from the start of the Autumn term through to the spring term, income has increased, and we are declaring a profit of £11603. Our income from fees and funding is up again from £154808 to 163715. However, fees payments only decreased by £1476 and additional funding decreased by £15068.

Our rent continues to be a large expense at £13,894.00 per annum.

Interest earned on our savings has increased considerably this year, with interest rates continuing to be high, we have earned £2229 compared to £881 last year. This has increased due to putting the money in high-rate fixed bond for a longer term. Our savings have increased from £90976 to £102579.

We are still not accruing any bank charges due to the fact we invest the contingency fund.

The biggest expense as usual is the wages bill which has increased this year again due to minimum wage increases to from £93398 to £123910.

We are still paying for the mobile phone on a sim only contract at around £5.00 per month and have the internet which strangely Rev Barbara has told us we no longer need to contribute to.

Again, we are no longer spending on advertising. Due to playgroup being so high in demand, we have not needed to advertise. We have spent money on toys with a total spend of £3957.

Our costs on subscriptions have decreased from £851 to 511 yet we continue to subscribe to Tapestry, Twinkle, Sage payroll, Ofsted, Wix website domain, Namecheap and Microsoft office.

Finally, 24/25 has been much better than expected and we continued to thrive.

Looking to 25/26 numbers are dropping considerable in September with 20 children leaving to school so we will be monitoring closely the financial situation. , and the pressures the new financial year will cause us around numbers and funding.

Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

I have examined the accounts for Noah's Ark Playgroup for the year ended 31st March 2025.

A set of accounts has been produced. The accounts properly present the receipts and payments for the Charity for the Financial Year.

There are no significant findings to report to the Committee.



Claire Flinton ACMA

08/06/2025

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Chairpersons Report April 2023 March 2024

Welcome to everyone who has joined us today. I am pleased to announce that as we end another financial year, our numbers have remained good.

It was lovely to be able to invite parents into the setting for our end of year graduation in July 2023. 16 children graduated in front of their parents and families inside the hall and then the children had a fantastic Hawaiian Hula party with cocktails, paddling pools, bubbles, and party games. The weather was great, though had cooled down from the high temperatures we had been getting.

We returned in September 2023 with a high number of children and by the February half term we were nearing maximum capacity.

In December we held our annual Christmas party for the children complete with disco, treats, party games and Santa himself popped in with gifts for all the children. The children and the staff all had a wonderful time.

There has been many small trips around Kimberley, walks to Sainsbury's, the library and the post office, we have been gifted books for the children from Save the Children. We have also explored the nature trail.

I would like to end in again thanking all staff, committee members, Volunteers, Parents and Children for making Noah's Ark a great playgroup and look forward to it continuing successfully.

AGM Report 2023/24

The Financial Year 23/24 for Playgroup has once again been good. Playgroup has continued to have a large upturn in numbers and at the end of March 2024 our capacity is full. 16 children Left in July 2023 for school which was lower than the previous year. We ended the Autumn 2023 term with 35 children attending. By the end of March 2024 numbers had risen so much that we increased our daily ratio we are at maximum capacity and with the new 2yr funding for working parents I am turning children away.

Because of continued demand in places from the start of the Autumn term through to the spring term, income has increased, and we are declaring a profit of £24764. Our income from fees and funding is up from £139,709.00 to £154808. This profit has accrued due to our funding increasing by over 31K. However, fees payments decreased by £10000 and additional funding decreased by £6000.

Our rent continues to be a large expense at £13,650.00 per annum.

Interest earned on our savings has increased considerably this year, with interest rates being slightly higher, we have earned £881 compared to £28 last year. This has however increased due to putting the money in high-rate fixed bonds. Our savings have increased from £66,212.00 to £90976

We are still not accruing any bank charges due to the fact we invest the contingency fund.

The biggest expense as usual is the wages bill which has increased this year again due to minimum wage increases to from £92271.00 to 93398.

We are still paying for the mobile phone on a sim only contract at around £5.00 per month and have the internet. The phone is still proving an asset with many parents' texting questions and queries, and as there is no longer a landline in the church, it is our only way of communication.

Again, we are no longer spending on advertising. Due to playgroup being so high in demand, we have not needed to advertise. We have spent money on toys with a total spend of £3912.

Our costs on subscriptions have increased from £391 to £851 as we subscribe to Tapestry, Twinkle, Sage payroll, Ofsted, Wix website domain, Namecheap and Microsoft office.

Finally, 23/24 has been much better than expected and we are continuing to thrive.

Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

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There are no significant findings to report to the Committee.



Claire Flinton ACMA
30/05/2024

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Flinton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Claire Flinton ACMA

17/07/2023

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Wages	92271	66991
Rent	12799	9214
NEST Pension	11819	5975
Toys/Equipment	3159	2542
Consumables	816	939
Stationery	239	292
Sundries	1373	411
Insurance	798	784
Accountancy	135	125
Training	680	503
Telephone	93	116
PAT Testing	0	50
DBS Checks	83	124
* Advertising Subscriptions	391	400
Payroll	173	173
Furniture	1953	915
EYPP	1528	0
Shed	1955	0
	130265	89554

* Twinkle
Tapestry
Office
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Name Cheap.

PROFIT AND LOSS AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

<u>Income</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Fees	31174	11003
Funding	97554	86988
Additional Funding	10981	0
Fundraising	530	20
Apprenticeship Incentive	3000	0
Interest on Investments	28	4
	143267	98015
Less Expenditure	130265	89554
Surplus/Deficit	13002	8461
Balance Bfwd	66212	53210

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Bank Account	12188	12208
Fixed Term Savings Account	40000	40002
General Savings Account	14024	1000
	66212	53210
 <u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Trade Creditors	0	0
 Net Current Assets	66212	53210

AGM Report 2022/23

The Financial Year 22/23 for Playgroup has been good again. Playgroup has taken a large upturn in numbers and at the end of 2023 our capacity is full. Eleven children Left in July 2022 for school which was lower than the previous year. We ended the Autumn 2022 term with 39 children attending. By the end of March 2023 numbers had risen to 46. Because of continued sharp demand in places from the start of the Autumn term through to the spring term, income has increased, and we are declaring a profit of £13,002.00. Our income from fees and funding is up from £97,991.00 to £139,709.00. This profit has accrued due to our funding increasing by £10,566.00 and fees payments increasing by £20,171.00. We also received additional inclusion support funding for 3 children with SEND and received EYPP funding for 11 children.

We received a government funded incentive for taking on an apprentice. This was made in two equal payments in May 2022 and January 2023. The incentive received was £3000.00. This has invested into further training for all staff.

Our rent continues to be a large expense that has increased this year from £9214.00 to £13,650.00 per annum.

Interest earned on our savings has increased very slightly this year, although with interest rates being low, it wasn't significant. Our savings have increased from £53,210.00 to £66,212.00 which was due to a much higher starting register for the 2022/23 academic year, the government funded

incentive and additional inclusion support funding received for our SEN children.

We are still not accruing any bank charges due to the fact we invest the contingency fund.

We have seen an increase in pension contributions this year being £11819.00 compared to last year of £5975.00. This is because of an increase in staff costs to meet demand.

The biggest expense as usual is the wages bill which has increased this year to £92271.00 compared to £66991.00. This increase is due to taking on 2 new members of staff. All staff were given a pay rise in April to coincide with percent increase of minimum wage.

We are still paying for the mobile phone on a sim only contract at around £5.00 per month and have the internet. The phone is still proving an asset with many parents' texting questions and queries, and as there is no longer a landline in the church, it is our only way of communication.

Again, we are no longer spending on advertising. Due to playgroup being so high in demand, we have not needed to advertise. We have spent a larger amount upgrading our furniture, activities and toys this year with a total spend of £5112.00 compared to £2542.00 last year.

We also replaced the shed in December 2022. The new shed was a large expense at £1955.00, as we bought it from a company that specialise in sheds. The previous shed was only £700 from B&Q, it had started to leak and

was beyond repair as it was a general garden shed that did not cope with the amount of use.

Finally, 22/23 has been better than expected and we are continuing to thrive.

Treasurer

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Chairpersons Report April 2021 March 2022

Welcome to everyone who has joined us today, finally we have had a more settled year with not too much disruption from a global pandemic and no lockdowns. Though in February 2022 we did need to reduce our child in take for a week due to multiple staff getting Covid at the same time. Staff rallied, worked together, supported each other, and got through it as a team. As we end another financial year, our numbers have remained good.

Our usual activities are starting to make a comeback. It was lovely to be able to invite parents into the setting for our end of year graduation in July. The children then had a lovely party with a bouncy castle and party games. We had a Macmillan Coffee morning in September, this was a tremendous success with many families attending, the new committee were available to have a chat with parents. We raised a total of £50.00 for the charity over a couple of hours which was great. Small trips around Kimberley have also taken place, walks to Sainsbury's, the library and the post office as well as exploring the nature trail.

In November, Emily, who had worked for playgroup for just over 4 years left after securing a position as a TA in a local school. Libby replaced Emily and joined our team a week later. Libby is qualified level 2 practitioner who is now studying for her Level 3 Early Years Educator Award.

As the winter term ended our numbers took a sharp upturn, to meet demand, we decided to employ two more members of staff ready for the Spring term.

Delphine and Melissa joined us in January, both are Level 3 qualified childcare practitioners.

In March, Delphine decided to leave, and Kellie was employed on a temporary contract.

As Covid restrictions eased the children have adapted amazingly to changes. Though by the end of the year bubbling, social distancing, isolation, and mandatory masks had ended, staff are still routinely sanitising children's hands on arrival. Taking a covid test if they present with symptoms and isolating at home until negative if they do catch Covid-19.

Nineteen of our children graduated in the summer term for school. This was a higher number compared to the year before.

We were able to hold the graduation inside in the hall and parents sat socially distanced as per guidelines. After the graduation we held an end of year party with a bouncy castle, disco, and games.

We returned in September with eighteen children though this was low by the October half term the numbers had risen to twenty-seven. By the end of the spring term this number had risen to forty.

In December we held our annual Christmas party for the children complete with disco, treats, party games and Santa himself popped in with gifts for all the children. The children and the staff all had a wonderful time.

I would like to end in again thanking all staff, committee members, Volunteers, Parents and Children for making Noah's Ark a great playgroup and look forward to it continuing successfully.

AGM Report 2021-22

Financial Year 21/22 for Playgroup has been good again. When the pandemic started in March 2020, we closed as required by the Government. Since all restrictions have been fully lifted, playgroup has taken a large upturn in numbers and at the end of 2021 our capacity is full. Nineteen children Left in July 2021 for school which was higher than the previous year. We started September 2021 with 18 children attending. By the end of March 2022 numbers had risen to 43. Because of the sharp demand in places through the spring term, income has increased, and we are declaring a profit of £8461.00. Our income from fees and funding is up from £88640.00 to £97991.00. This profit has accrued due to our funding increasing by £3305.00 and fees payments increasing by £6046.00. We also received additional inclusion support funding for 3 children with SEND.

Our rent continues to be a large expense reaching £9214 this year.

Interest earned on our savings has decreased very slightly this year, although with interest rates being low, it wasn't significant. Our savings have increased from £44749.00 to £53210.00 which was due to not being able to use expenses for trips/outings or companies such as rockabillies coming into the setting and an increase in numbers.

We are still not accruing any bank charges due to the fact we invest the contingency fund.

We have seen an increase in pension contributions this year being £5975.00 compared to last year of £4025.00 and the year before, £4253.00. This is because of an increase in staff costs to meet demand.

The biggest expense as usual is the wages bill which has increased this year to £66991.00 compared to £62292.00. This increase is due to taking on 2 new members of staff. All staff were given a pay rise in April to coincide with percent increase of minimum wage.

We are still paying for the mobile phone on a contract at £7.50 per month and have the internet. The phone is still proving an asset with many parents' texting questions and queries.

Again, we have cut back the amount we spend on advertising this year due to the due to playgroup being so high in demand, we have not needed to advertise. We have spent a larger amount upgrading our activities and toys this year with a total spend of £2542.00.

Financially 21/22 has been better than expected and we are continuing to thrive.

Rebecca Smith,

Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

I have examined the accounts for Noah's Ark Playgroup for the year ended 31st March 2022.

A set of accounts has been produced. The accounts properly present the receipts and payments for the Charity for the Financial Year.

There are no significant findings to report to the Committee.



Claire Flinton ACMA

12/06/2022

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Bank Account	12208	12740
Petty Cash	0	0
Investment1	0	0
Invstment 2	0	0
Savings account	40002	30000
Savings account	1000	2009
	53210	44749
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Trade Creditors	0	0
Net Current Assets	53210	44749

PROFIT AND LOSS AS AT 31ST MARCH 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Fees	11003	4957
Funding	86988	83683
Fundraising	20	0
Donations	0	0
Sundries	0	0
Interest on investments	4	155
Grants	0	0
Total income	98015	88795
Less Expenditure	89554	80466
Surplus/Deficit	8461	8329
Balance Bfwd	44749	36420
Balance C/fwd	53210	44749

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AS AT 31ST MARCH 2022

EXPENDITURE	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Wages	66991	62292
Rent	9214	9214
Nest Pension	5975	4025
Toys/Equipment	2542	1214
Consumables/Materials	939	1132
Stationary	292	160
Sundries	411	167
Insurance	784	923
Accountancy	125	125
Training	503	-18
Move Costs	0	0
Telephone	116	132
PAT Testing	50	65
DBS Checks	124	0
Advertising/Subscriptions	400	432
Payroll	173	173
Furniture	915	232
Lenovo tablets	0	198
	89554	80466

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Chairpersons report April 2020 March 2021

Welcome to everyone who has joined us today, we have had another year full of changes and uncertainties due to a global pandemic and multiple lockdowns but over the past year staff have rallied, worked together, supported each other and got through it as a team. As we end another financial year, our numbers have remained good and our staff sane.

The wide range of usual activities, trips out and visitors to playgroup have all had to be cancelled, scaled back or adjusted this year to abide by the rules of the pandemic and the Government guidance regarding early years settings. We closed our doors to all children on the 23rd of March 2020, hoping it would be just an extended easter break and looking back naively thought we would be back to normal not long after Easter. A whole year later, while we are no longer in a lockdown and the country is stable the running from playgroup has had to make maybe some permanent changes to accommodate a “new normal”.

At the end of March Amy joined the team as a Level 3 apprentice. As playgroup relies of local authority funded places, we were unable to apply for furlough for the staff when we closed in March. Staff were continued to be paid during the closure and regular meetings were held. Staff also undertook many online courses in this time to keep their childcare knowledge up to date ad relevant and to learn new skills.

When we reopened in June, parents were no longer allowed in the setting. The children adapted amazingly to this major change, every child took it in their stride and excepted very quickly at being dropped off at the door or gate.

Playgroup had to introduce a new sanitation routine which included an intense and routine cleaning rotation of toys and the setting. The dressing up, water play, playdough, sand and soft toys were all packed away as per government guidance. Staff worked hard and creatively to keep playgroup stimulating and exciting for all the children.

By the time the summer term ended the “new normal” was just normal. All our children were back attending playgroup.

Seven of our children graduated in the summer term for school. This was a very low number compared to the year before.

Graduation was held outside in the play area and parents stood socially distanced as per guidelines. Though a different graduation to previous years it enjoyed by the children and the staff as we wished them well at the progressed to the next stage of starting school.

We returned in September with 22 children, this included a few new starters. All covid policies and procedures remained in place.

In November the government announced another lockdown, this did not include early years settings and all children were still invited to attend. Most children carried on attending during this time and staff supported the children who chose not to and their parents.

December – After 9 months of the pandemic the Christmas party was a great distraction for the children and the staff. There was a disco, treats, party games and a covid compliant Santa brought gifts for all the children. The children and the staff all had a great time.

At the beginning of January, the government announced again that the country would go back into lockdown as the numbers of covid cases were rising, while schools closed to all but key worker children this did not include early years settings. Playgroup remained open to all and supported the children who did not attend with weekly home learning packs and phone contact to parents.

Our website was revamped, and all home learning activities were included as well as useful links and websites to support parents through this time.

In March the lockdown ended, and all children returned to playgroup for the end of the spring term. In this time Rebecca decided that she wanted to pursue a career in a different sector and handed in her resignation to leave at the end of term and was missed by both the children and the staff.

I would like to end in again thanking all staff, committee members, Volunteers, Parents and Children for making Noah's Ark a great playgroup and look forward to it continuing Successfully now, fingers crossed, we are starting to see the end of the pandemic.

AGM Report 2020

Financial Year 20/21 for Playgroup has been good. When the pandemic started in March 2020, we closed as required by the Government. Our funding remained in place because as a childcare setting we were not eligible for the Government furlough scheme. We opened again in June 2020 and have remained open to all children. Seven children Left in July for school which was very low this year. We started September 2020 with 26 children attending. By the end of March 2021 numbers had risen to 29. Because of the low drop in children in July and steady numbers remaining at playgroup despite the pandemic, income has decreased and we are declaring a profit of £8329.00. Our income from fees and funding is up from £74818.00 to £88640.00. This profit has accrued due to our funding increasing by £20586.00. We also received additional inclusion support funding for 2 children with SEND From September 2020.

Our rent continues to be a large expense reaching £9214 this year.

Interest earned on our savings has increased very slightly this year, although with interest rates being low, it wasn't significant. Our savings have increased from £36420.00 to £44749.00 which was due to the pandemic and either being closed to all or most children and not being able to use expenses for trips/outings or companies such as rockabillies coming in to the setting.

We are still not accruing any bank charges due to the fact we invest the contingency fund.

We have seen a slight crease in pension contributions this year being £4025.00 compared to last year of £4253.00 and the year before, £4603.00.

The biggest expense as usual is the wages bill which has increased this year to £62292.00 compared to £58856.00. This increase is due taking on an apprentice in March 2020. All staff were given a pay rise in April to coincide with percent increase of minimum wage.

We are still paying for the mobile phone on a contract at £7.50 per month and also having the internet. The phone is still proving a valuable asset with many parents' texting questions and queries.

We have cut back the amount we spend on advertising this year due to the pandemic and invested time on a new website. We spent £432.00 on subscriptions for our website and services.

Financially 20/21 has been better than expected; the pandemic in March did not impact playgroup badly financially.

Bethanie Chester,

Treasurer

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NOAHS ARK PLAYGROUP
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

REGISTERED CHARITY
1024151

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

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Claire Flinton ACMA

9/05/2021

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Bank Account	12740	12419
Petty Cash	0	0
Investment1	0	10000
Invstment 2	0	10000
Savings account	30000	4001
Savings account	2009	0
	44749	36420
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Trade Creditors	0	0
Net Current Assets	44749	36420

PROFIT AND LOSS AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Fees	4957	11721
Funding	83683	63097
Fundraising	0	0
Donations	0	0
Sundries	0	0
Interest on investments	155	126
Grants	0	0
Total income	88795	74944
Less Expenditure	80466	84293
Surplus/Deficit	8329	-9349
Balance Bfwd	36420	45769
Balance C/fwd	44749	36420

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021

EXPENDITURE	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Wages	62292	58856
Rent	9214	9214
Nest Pension	4025	4253
Toys/Equipment	1214	450
Consumables/Materials	1132	2027
Stationary	160	167
Sundries	167	510
Insurance	923	1014
Accountancy	125	125
Training	-18	557
Move Costs	0	6079
Telephone	132	132
PAT Testing	65	55
Pupil premium	0	297
Advertising/Subscriptions	432	397
Payroll	173	160
Furniture	232	0
Lenovo tablets	198	0
	80466	84293