

STURMINSTER MARSHALL PRE-SCHOOL

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st AUGUST 2025

Registered Charity Number: 1026037

**Donohue Smith & Hartwell Ltd
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Chairperson's Report For the year ended 31st August 2025

The chairperson welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting. All previous committee members stood down from their posts and a new committee has been formed for the coming year.

Returned to preschool with 21 on roll. 5 members of staff and 1 bank staff.

Started with a deficit but we have ended in a £17,159.97 in profit of which £10 k was an expansion grant. All, but one, outstanding invoices have been paid.

Katie Clark, who previously completed work experience with us, joined us once a week to complete her college placement. She remained with us for the year but has to move to a new setting to complete her second year.

We have hosted work experience students this year. Two from Corfe Hills and one from QE.

We raised money for Children in Need in November, and Red Nose Day in March.

School kindly invited us to joint their Christmas Fair again this year. We had three tables with games and goods to sell. All our staff donated the gifts and volunteered some time and we raised £134 for preschool.

We raised a small amount at the village Christmas tree festival for our chosen charity, Dreamflight.

We had the children's Christmas party on the last day of term. The children had such fun. Families were then invited to the children's Christmas performance straight after. The school offered us the school hall again, which really helped with our numbers. Children sang Christmas songs and then families joined us for a drink and mince pie afterwards. We raised £30 on the Christmas raffle.

We celebrated world book day at the beginning of March, dressing up as our favourite characters.

In April, new rules came into effect, meaning we can no longer charge administration fees when joining. We also must allow parents to opt out of snack fees if they wish. Letters were sent to all parents, and the registration forms amended to reflect this. As yet, no parents have elected to opt out of the additional payments. We do not charge the children in receipt of early years pupil premium.

We had an Easter themed activity week to end the Spring term. Finalised with joining in the school with, the Easter egg competition and bonnet parade. They also allowed our children to join the Easter egg hunt on the last day of term.

We started the summer term, with caterpillars and watched them change into butterflies. The children enjoyed learning about life cycles and we based our activities around this.

Sophie Clark resigned and left us in the May half term. Sophie worked for preschool for almost 16 years. Preschool gave her gifts and we held a leavers party with the children. She will be greatly missed by all and we wish her well for the future.

Chicken pox spread over the summer term, with all but a few children going down with it.

To raise money for preschool, we had a sponsored week during the summer. Every child completed at least one event during the week. Including a 'soak the teacher' event, which parents were invited to watch. We held a mini fun run/sports day event at the end of the week for parents to watch. School kindly let us sell cakes at the end of a school day, which raised £50 alone. We raised an amazing total of £183.56 which went towards our end of year leavers celebrations.

We sent out parent surveys at the end of the school year. Feedback from our families was 100% positive. We also had some very positive social media posts on the local community group pages, which encouraged lots of new contact, and families joining us in September.

Our families were invited to join the school end of year BBQ. Many of our families joined. Jan and Holly volunteered to help at the event.

The school have kindly invited to several events throughout the year, including at Christmas, Easter, VE day and May day. Holly Keets became a school governor in June, to ensure collaboration between the two settings.

It was discussed during the summer term, that with government childcare funding being extended to 30 hours from 9 months, we would need to look at ways to open up to more families. From September, we will take children from 9 months, and also extend our opening hours to 8:30-4:30 Monday to Friday. OFSTED have been notified by Damien Watt.

We secured additional funding from the Local Authority of £1,188 for 2 year olds and £10k in the early years expansion grant. This will go towards building a more permanent wall and gate for our under 2's area. Also, carpet, furniture and other resources, to ensure a welcoming under 2's environment. A new gate access will also be fitted to ensure easy collections during the wraparound hours. Recruitment for an additional staff member will take place over the summer break, with interviews held the second week back.

Due to the success of last year's event, we held our end of term family picnic and bounce. Cath kindly offered her field and use of facilities again. We hired a bouncy castle and the ice cream van visited. Preschool paid for every child to have an ice cream and the hire costs, using the sponsored week fundraising. We also used this event as our leavers farewell. All children leaving us received a goody bag with gifts and mementoes. We held a water fun day on the last day of term.

We had 9 children leave in July, 7 moving up to a number of the local schools and 2 moving on to new settings.

During the summer holidays Holly Keets completed L2 Mental Health First Aid qualification. The staff also are all completing their Dingley's Promise online learning.

All staff are up to date with food hygiene, safeguarding and Paediatric first aid

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**Legal and Administrative details
For the year ended 31st August 2025**

Registered Charity Number

1026037

Principle Address

Rear of First School
78 High Street
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Wimborne
Dorset
BH21 4AY

Independent Examiner

Donohue Smith & Hartwell Ltd
43 Fisherton Street
Salisbury
Wiltshire
SP2 7SU

Trustees

The following act as Trustees:

Mr D Watt
Mr M Bullock
Ms R Cox
Mrs N Charman
Ms J Ladbrook

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Report of the Trustees For the year ended 31st August 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2015.

Governing document

The charity is governed by a constitution, adopted 23rd February 1993.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are appointed by current trustees.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Objectives and aims

To enhance the development and education of children below statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups.

Approved by the Trustees on



Damien Watt
Signed on 12 April 2026 @ 12:11

And signed on their behalf by Mr D Watt

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of STURMINSTER MARSHALL PRE-SCHOOL

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 14

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met: or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *SA Hartwell* CTA ATT MAAT
Donohue Smith & Hartwell Ltd

Date: 6/03/2026

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31st August 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 total funds £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income		-	-	-	-
Activities for generating funds	2	110,610	-	110,610	115,566
Total incoming resources		<u>110,610</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,610</u>	<u>115,566</u>
Resources Expended					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		85,703	-	85,703	91,528
Governance costs		420	-	420	582
		<u>86,123</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,123</u>	<u>92,110</u>
Net incoming/outgoing resources		24,487	-	24,487	23,456
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>111,397</u>	-	<u>111,397</u>	87,941
Total funds carried forward		<u>135,884</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>135,884</u>	<u>111,397</u>

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Balance Sheet At 31st August 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 total funds £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible asses	5	10,316	146,023	156,339	156,339
Current Assets					
Cash at bank		125,462	-	125,462	101,582
Prepayments		576		576	219
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(470)		(470)	(720)
Net current assets		<u>125,568</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,568</u>	<u>101,081</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		135,884	146,023	281,907	257,420
Creditors					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	7	-	(146,023)	(146,023)	(146,023)
Net assets		<u>135,884</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>135,884</u>	<u>111,397</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds				135,884	111,397
Restricted funds					-
Total funds				<u>135,884</u>	<u>111,397</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on.....and
were signed on their behalf by:



Damien Watt
Signed on 12 April 2026 @ 12:11

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Mr D Watt - Chairperson

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31st August 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The Financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), effective from 1st January 2015

Cash flow

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 102: Section 7 Cash Flow Statements 7.1b.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources becoming available to the charity during the year are included when there is a certainty of receipt.

Resources Expended

Charitable expenditure includes costs associated with particular projects in furtherance of the charity's objects.

Support costs comprise expenditure incurred in support of charitable activities and include an appropriate proportion of overheads.

Governance costs include all expenditure that is not directly related to the charitable activity. This includes trustees expenses and accountancy fees.

Taxation

No Corporation Tax is provided for, as Sturminster Marshall Pre-School, being a charity, is exempt. Subject to confirmation of the exception to corporation tax.

Funds accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general activities of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds whose purpose has been restricted by donors making donations to the charity.

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2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	£ 2025	£ 2024
Fundraising income	350	1,613
Early year payments	84,529	79,265
Pre-School fees	15,328	31,255
Grants	10,000	
Uniform sales	-	25
Other income	403	3,408
	<u>110,610</u>	<u>115,566</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st August 2025 nor for the year ended 31st August 2024.

Trustees' Expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st August 2025 nor for the year ended 31st August 2024.

4. STAFF COSTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	<u>72,796</u>	<u>76,364</u>

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5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £
COST	
Cost brought forward	156,339
Additions	-
	<u>156,339</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2025	<u>156,339</u>
At 31st August 2024	<u>156,339</u>

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	<u>470</u>	<u>720</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	<u>146,023</u>	<u>146,023</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31st August 2025

	At 1st Sept 2024 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31st Aug 2025 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	111,397	24,487	135,884
Total funds	<u>111,397</u>	<u>24,487</u>	<u>135,884</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	110,610	(86,123)	24,487
Restricted funds			
Grants	-	-	-
Total funds	<u>110,610</u>	<u>(86,123)</u>	<u>24,487</u>

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Detailed statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31st August 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Incoming resources		
Voluntary income		
Gifts	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	-
Activities for generating funds		
Fundraising income	350	1,613
Early year payments	84,529	79,265
Grants	10,000	
Pre-School fees	15,328	31,255
Uniform sales		25
Other income	<u>403</u>	<u>3,408</u>
	110,610	115,566
Total incoming resources	<u>110,610</u>	<u>115,566</u>
Resources Expended		
Governance costs		
Accountancy	<u>420</u>	<u>582</u>
	420	582
Support costs		
Wages	72,796	76,364
Insurance	2,818	3,036
Light and heat	1,460	1,170
Telephone	750	680
Sundries	535	864
Carried forward	78,359	82,114

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Detailed statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31st August 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Support costs		
Brought forward	78,359	82,114
Maintenance	2,930	3,092
Cleaning and supplies	648	585
Books and office supplies	219	720
Uniforms		173
Subscriptions	600	598
Training courses	454	266
Resources and food	1,036	1,194
Outings	147	65
Website	180	-
Equipment	1,130	2,719
	<hr/> 85,703	<hr/> 91,526
Total resources expended	85,703	91,526
Net (Expenditure)/income	<hr/> <u>24,487</u>	<hr/> <u>23,456</u>