

ST JOHN'S PLAYTIME PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1027030

Details

Other names ST JOHNS (URC) PLAYGROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-10-13

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

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Activities

Objects: THE AIMS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL ARE TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN PRIMARILY UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS AND BY:(A) OFFERING APPROPRIATE PLAY, EDUCATION AND CARE FACILITIES, FAMILY LEARNING AND EXTENDED HOURS GROUPS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT OF PARENTS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF SUCH GROUPS, ENSURING THAT SUCH GROUPS OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN WHATEVER THEIR RACE, CULTURE, RELIGION, MEANS OR ABILITY;(B) ENCOURAGING THE STUDY OF THE NEEDS OF SUCH CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND RECOGNITION OF SUCH NEEDS IN THE LOCAL AREAS;(C) INSTIGATING AND ADHERING TO AND FURTHERING THE AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE.

Activities: St John's Playtime Pre-School was opened in 1980. Our main aim is to provide high quality care, learning and development for all children below the statutory school age. We work in partnership with parents to help their children learn and develop by offering a service that promotes equality and values diversity.

Classification

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

Geography

- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£136,384	£129,952	-	-
2024-03-31	£128,805	£147,970	-	-
2023-03-31	£143,379	£128,991	-	-
2022-03-31	£111,280	£128,564	-	-
2021-03-31	£116,303	£107,133	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Polly Fyfe	Chair	2024-10-16
Anjitha Augustin		2025-11-11
Chantelle Constable		2024-10-16
Danielle Shaw		2025-11-11
Francesca Pack		2025-11-11
Joanne Wilder		2024-10-16
Lauren Horn		2025-11-11
Natalie Bailey		2023-10-09
Tayler Smith		2024-10-16

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Miss Tayler Smith
Mrs Anjitha Austin
Miss Danielle Shaw
Miss Francesca Pack
Miss Lauren Horn
Miss Natalie Bailey

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Structure, governance and management

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Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance given by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Chairperson's Report for 2024 – 2025

We are happy to report that finances began to stabilise in this financial year. Our income, £136,384.28 exceeded our expenditure, £129,952.14 resulting in a profit of £6,432.14 at the end of March 2025. This was mainly due to a steady rise in the number of children enrolled in our setting. We have also seen a sharp rise in the number of children under two years who are eligible to receive working families funding (up to 30 hours free childcare per week). This demand for childcare spaces has enabled our pre-school to thrive once again and we are hoping to continue this positivity into the next financial year.

Miss Polly Fyfe (Committee Chairperson)

Financial Review

The charity's financial activities for the year are shown in the receipts and payments below and on page 4. The main sources of income were grants from Suffolk County Council and fees paid by parents.

The charity's income exceeded expenditure by £for the year leaving bank and cash balances to carry forward of **£11,463.86**.

Receipts and Payments Account for the period ended 31 March 2025

	2025 Total (£)	2024 Total (£)
Receipts		
Grants	113,140.03	94,739.69
Fees	10,495.96	24,635.02
Fundraising	1,718.50	1,189.25
Miscellaneous Income	10,345.30	7,439.07
Donations	276.49	341.20
T Shirt & Jumper Income	0.00	0.00
Trip Income	118.00	461.50
Bank Interest	500.34	258.32
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Total receipts	136,384.28	128,805.73
Payments		
Wages	108,584.44	101,781.78
Activities	101.98	360.96
Premises	13,300.00	11,980.00
Administration	3,389.48	2,774.61
Miscellaneous	47.20	16,119.82
Insurance	845.52	886.96
Consumables & Equipment	2,407.15	11,346.91
T Shirts and Jumpers	0.00	0.00
Trips	49.00	742.50
Courses	743.50	501.00
Snack	483.87	1,475.73
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Total payments	129,952.14	147,970.27
Profit/Loss	6,432.14	-19,164.54

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2025

	2025 Total (£)	2024 Total (£)
Current assets		
Bank current account	11,463.86	5,657.93
Bank deposit account	6,518.98	16,345.49
Cash in hand	0.00	0.00
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	17,982.84	22,003.42
Liabilities		
PAYE & NI	5,393.24	3,736.59

The Receipts and Payments Account on page 3 and the above Statement of Assets and Liabilities above were shown to and approved by the trustees on 26th January 2026 and signed on their behalf by Polly Fyfe (Committee Chairperson).

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St John's Playtime Pre-school

I report on the accounts of the pre-school for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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Independent examiner's statement

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Richard Wallace

Treasurer for St John's United Reformed Church

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13th January 2026

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Chairperson's Report for 2023 – 2024

Unfortunately, due to a poor Ofsted rating in November 2023 we were unable to enrol new children until the beginning of June 2024 when our 'Good' Ofsted rating was reinstated. This has had a knock-on effect on our finances and we have lost a substantial amount of money due to this. We hope this next financial year will allow us to begin to rebuild our pre-school, recruit more children and bring in a more stable income.

Our expenditure, £147,970, exceeded our total income of £128,806. The two main sources of income were from Suffolk County Council where we received grants totalling £94,740 and a total of £24,635 from private fees. The main source of expenditure was staff wages totalling £101,782 and a total of £11,980 in rental costs. At the end of this financial year, we finished with an unfortunate loss of £19,165.

Miss Polly Fyfe (Committee Chairperson)

Financial Review

The charity's financial activities for the year are shown in the receipts and payments below and on page 4. The main sources of income were grants from Suffolk County Council and fees paid by parents.

The charity's expenditure exceeded income by £19,164.54 for the year leaving bank and cash balances to carry forward of **£5,657.93**.

Receipts and Payments Account for the period ended 31 March 2024

	2024 Total (£)	2023 Total (£)
Receipts		
Grants	94,739.69	99,859.34
Fees	24,635.02	30,217.50
Fundraising	1,189.25	1,161.50
Miscellaneous Income	7,439.07	10,757.83
Donations	341.20	730.65
T Shirt & Jumper Income	0.00	15.00
Trip Income	461.50	588.00
Bank Interest	258.32	48.44
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Total receipts	128,805.73	143,378.26
Payments		
Wages	101,781.78	104,118.18
Activities	360.96	459.68
Premises	11,980.00	11,040.00
Administration	2,774.61	3,298.65
Miscellaneous	16,119.82	368.45
Insurance	886.96	783.88
Consumables & Equipment	11,346.91	5,957.04
T Shirts and Jumpers	0.00	243.10
Trips	742.50	331.00
Courses	501.00	704.06
Snack	1,475.73	1,686.17
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Total payments	147,970.27	128,990.75
Profit/Loss	- 19,164.54	14,339.61

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2024

	2024 Total (£)	2023 Total (£)
Current assets		
Bank current account	5,657.93	24,883.52
Bank deposit account	16,345.49	11,087.17
Cash in hand	0.00	0.00
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	22,003.42	35,970.69
Liabilities		
PAYE & NI	3,736.59	581.61

The Receipts and Payments Account on page 3 and the above Statement of Assets and Liabilities above were shown to and approved by the trustees on 21st January 2025 and signed on their behalf by Polly Fyfe (Committee Chairperson).

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St John's Playtime Pre-school

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21st January 2025

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Mrs Louisa Harris
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Chairperson's Report for 2022 – 2023

The higher living and national minimum wages were increased again in April 2022 which meant that all members of staff received pay rises. Due to a few members of staff taking maternity leave at similar times, we had another rebate of credits on our HMRC account (over £10,000) which helped our bank balance after making a loss last financial year. Numbers of children were excellent this year and by the summer term, we had 46 children on the registers and most importantly, 13 of these children were claiming extended funding.

Our income, £143,330, exceeded our total expenditure of £128,990. The two main sources of income were from Suffolk County Council where we received grants totalling £99,859.34 and a total of £30,217.50 from private fees. The main source of expenditure was staff wages totalling £104,118.18 and a total of £11,040 in rental costs. At the end of this financial year, we finished with a healthy profit of £14,339.61. The grants from the council also included nearly £10,000 of high needs funding to support our children with special educational needs, much of these funds were used to buy specific sensory equipment to help with the children's development and learning.

Miss Julia Rael (Committee Chairperson)

Financial Review

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The charity's income exceeded expenditure by £14,339.61 for the year leaving bank and cash balances to carry forward of **£24,822.47**.

Receipts and Payments Account for the period ended 31 March 2023

	2023 Total (£)	2022 Total (£)
Receipts		
Grants	99,859.34	76,669.90
Fees	30,217.50	24,118.24
Fundraising	1,161.50	1,360.75
Miscellaneous Income	10,757.83	8,367.21
Donations	730.65	676.23
T Shirt & Jumper Income	15.00	28.00
Trip Income	588.00	59.50
Bank Interest	48.44	1.21
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Total receipts	143,378.26	111,279.85
Payments		
Wages	104,118.18	95,867.59
Activities	459.68	488.06
Premises	11,040.00	11,220.00
Administration	3,298.65	3,453.39
Miscellaneous	368.45	11,447.59
Insurance	783.88	819.82
Consumables & Equipment	5,957.04	3,010.88
T Shirts and Jumpers	243.10	187.57
Trips	331.00	82.00
Courses	704.06	655.20
Snack	1,686.17	1,332.26
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Total payments	128,990.75	128,564.36
Profit/Loss	14,339.61	- 17,284.51

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2023

	2023 Total (£)	2022 Total (£)
Current assets		
Bank current account	24,883.52	8,959.53
Bank deposit account	11,087.17	11,038.73
Cash in hand	0.00	0.00
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	35,970.69	19,998.26
Liabilities		
PAYE & NI	581.61	2,872.86

The Receipts and Payments Account on page 3 and the above Statement of Assets and Liabilities above were shown to and approved by the trustees on 16th January 2024 and signed on their behalf by Julia Rael (Committee Chairperson).

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St John's Playtime Pre-school

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16th January 2024

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Public benefit

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Chairperson's Report for 2021 - 2022

We had lower numbers of children in this financial year which had a negative impact on the amount of government funding we received. Unfortunately, we ended the financial year with a deficit of around £17,000. This was partly due to the rise in staff wages following increases in National Minimum and Living Wages.

However, we were able to reclaim over £7000 in staff maternity credits from HMRC and used this to boost our deposit account which has previously been very low. The deposit account is now at a level which would cover staff redundancies if the setting ever had to close.

Fundraising was more successful this year as we were able to open up the setting again post covid, meaning that families were able to enjoy traditional fundraising events and we managed to raise over £1,300 to be used for pre-school resources.

Mrs Lisa Calver (Committee Chairperson)

Financial Review

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The charity's expenditure exceeded income by £17,284.00 for the year leaving bank and cash balances to carry forward of **£8,960.00**.

Receipts and Payments Account for the period ended 31 March 2022

	2022 Total (£)	2021 Total (£)
Receipts		
Grants	76,669.90	103,303.11
Fees	24,118.24	6,543.13
Fundraising	1,360.75	691.45
Miscellaneous Income	8,367.21	5,460.8
Donations	676.23	247.80
T Shirt & Jumper Income	28.00	27.00
Trip Income	59.50	29.20
Bank Interest	1.21	1.76
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Total receipts	111,279.85	116,304.30
Payments		
Wages	95,867.59	91,328.21
Activities	488.06	471.94
Premises	11,220.00	6,450.00
Administration	3,453.39	3,013.71
Miscellaneous	11,447.59	381.02
Insurance	819.82	662.18
Consumables & Equipment	3,010.88	3,845.46
T Shirts and Jumpers	187.57	0.00
Trips	82.00	41.00
Courses	655.20	364.80
Snack	1,332.26	574.93
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Total payments	128,564.36	107,133.25
Profit/Loss	- 17, 284.51	9,169.29

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2021

	2022 Total (£)	2021 Total (£)
Current assets		
Bank current account	8,959.53	27,214.47
Bank deposit account	11,038.73	3,837.52
Cash in hand	0.00	0.00
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	19,998.26	31,051.99
Liabilities		
PAYE & NI	2,872.86	3,814.55

The Receipts and Payments Account on page 3 and the above Statement of Assets and Liabilities above were shown to and approved by the trustees on 24th January 2023 and signed on their behalf by Lisa Calver (Committee Chairperson).

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St John's Playtime Pre-school

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Further trustees may be appointed at any time, at the discretion of the trustees. A new trustee would receive copies of the constitution, the latest annual report and accounts and relevant guidance publications from the Charity Commission.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance given by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Chairperson's Report for 2020 - 2021

We had very low numbers of children at the beginning of September 2020 due to the pandemic and lack of parental confidence in sending their children into an educational setting. We reopened pre-school in June 2020 after a period of closure due to the first lockdown. We have remained open since then, even when other educational settings closed in January 2021. Despite this, we are still seeing a continuous lower number of applications and enquiries.

The main source of our income was from Suffolk County Council and we received a total of £103,303.11 of grants. Secondly, the amount of private fees received was £6,543.13 which was approximately £20,000 lower than the previous tax year. The reason for this huge difference stems from the period of closure during the first lockdown where we continued to receive money for funded hours but couldn't continue to take private fees. Additionally, when our children did return to the setting, many families were still being very cautious and only sending children for their funded hours, hence our 'private' income took a drastic drop. The main source of expenditure was staff wages totalling £91,328.21 followed by the expenditure of rental costs - £6,450.00. We are very grateful to our landlords – St John's United Reformed Church who have continued to allow a reduction in our weekly rent while we hope to recover our finances. At the end of the 20-21 financial year, we finished with a small profit of £9,169.29.

Mr Chris Coyle (Committee Chairperson)

Financial Review

The charity's financial activities for the year are shown in the receipts and payments below and on page 4. The principle sources of income were grants from Suffolk County Council and fees paid by parents.

The charity's income exceeded expenditure by £9,169.29 for the year leaving bank and cash balances to carry forward of **£27,214.47**.

Receipts and Payments Account for the period ended 31 March 2021

	2021 Total (£)	2020 Total (£)
Receipts		
Grants	103,303.11	105,162.90
Fees	6,543.13	26,501.85
Fundraising	691.45	1,908.89
Miscellaneous Income	5,460.85	1,045.22
Donations	247.80	0.00
T Shirt & Jumper Income	27.00	49.00
Trip Income	29.20	420.00
Bank Interest	1.76	7.68
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Total receipts	116,304.30	135,706.93
Payments		
Wages	91,328.21	96,256.60
Activities	471.94	409.31
Premises	6,450.00	17,229.50
Administration	3,013.71	2,644.75
Miscellaneous	381.02	1,011.86
Insurance	662.18	689.64
Consumables & Equipment	3,845.46	3,130.47
T Shirts and Jumpers	0.00	0.00
Trips	41.00	630.00
Courses	364.80	1,010.56
Snack	574.93	735.62
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Total payments	107,133.25	123,748.31
Profit/Loss	9,169.29	11,958.62

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2021

	2021 Total (£)	2020 Total (£)
Current assets		
Bank current account	27,214.47	18,045.18
Bank deposit account	3,837.52	3,835.76
Cash in hand	0.00	0.00
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	31,051.99	21,880.94
Liabilities		
PAYE & NI	3,814.55	4,387.09

The Receipts and Payments Account on page 3 and the above Statement of Assets and Liabilities above were shown to and approved by the trustees on 20th January 2022 and signed on their behalf by Chris Coyle (Committee Chairperson).

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St John's Playtime Pre-school

I report on the accounts of the pre-school for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 4 to 5.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 you as 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 my 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 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Richard Wallace

Treasurer for St John's United Reformed Church

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18th January 2022