

# SPARKLERS PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1027960

## Details

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Other names	SPARKLERS PLAYGROU
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1993-11-04
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**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

**Activities:** A pre-school operating within West Swindon providing education to children from ages 3 to primary school age.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- Swindon
- Wiltshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31		-	-	-
2024-07-31	£108,869	£94,857	-	-
2023-07-31	£83,992	£90,789	-	-
2022-07-31	£80,967	£83,949	-	-
2021-07-31	£75,379	£93,299	-	-
2020-07-31	£71,135	£66,295	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Lauren Panther		2022-09-29

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## Chair Report

After taking over as chair, the first term mainly involved the official side such as DBS checks and updating Ofsted. There was also the task of wrapping the children's Christmas presents ready for the Christmas party.

The second term involved the expected phone call from Ofsted to say they were coming in to do their inspection. I'm sure you're all aware of the result from that, but just in case you're not, we were graded as Outstanding, one of just a handful in the area. Although this was a lovely result for a chair to hear the real thanks needs to go to all the staff who work so hard and make this such a special place.

All staff had their appraisal and a wages review due to the change in minimum wage.

In the summer we had our day trip to Chessington World of Adventure where most families joined us. The weather was perfect and we were so lucky with traffic. Thanks to Amy for helping to arrange this and ensuring everyone was invoiced correctly.

I've enjoyed my time as chair, and would like to take this opportunity to thank the other committee members Sammi and Laura as well as the staff who all welcomed me. I've first hand seen them in action having covered some absences and they really do go above and beyond to care for your children.

All in all it has been a pleasure to be on the committee and I wish the new team the very best of luck.

**SPARKLERS PRE-SCHOOL****PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

	31.7.23		31.7.22	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
SBC 3yr/4yr funding	76,037		78,528	
Bank account interest	163		5	
T-shirt and sweatshirt sales	130		1,027	
Photographs and commission	-		75	
Spring trip contributions	3,683		696	
Trips	-		638	
Senco funding	750		-	
Playgroup fees	511		-	
Snack donations	<u>2,718</u>		<u>-</u>	
		83,992		80,969
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Room hire	8,505		7,550	
Membership and insurance	1,264		496	
Repairs and maintenance	229		-	
Wages and pensions	66,956		62,410	
Telephone	797		969	
Post and stationery	186		68	
Website	552		142	
Sparklers food supplies	1,225		934	
Accountancy	276		252	
Software	2,208		2,045	
Pupil premium	495		-	
General pre-school materials	2,248		3,172	
Sparklers personalised clothing	1,080		1,620	
Sundry expenses	34		-	
Staff training	2,812		2,235	
Spring trip costs	1,492		360	
Summer trip costs	-		520	
Visits and outings	-		50	
Summer leavers party/presents	95		2	
Christmas expenses	-		337	
Gifts	77		50	
Books	-		340	
Toys and games	258		63	
Topic expenses	<u>-</u>		<u>336</u>	
		<u>90,789</u>		<u>83,951</u>
		(6,797)		(2,982)
<b>Finance costs</b>				
Bank charges		<u>124</u>		<u>99</u>
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# CHAIR REPORT

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What else have we done?

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Photographs and commission	75		-	
Spring trip contributions	696		-	
Trips	<u>638</u>		<u>396</u>	
		80,967		75,379
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Donations	-		40	
Room hire	7,550		5,355	
Membership and insurance	496		2,435	
Repairs and maintenance	-		2,539	
Playground	-		2,650	
Cleaning expenses	-		152	
Wages and pensions	62,410		61,640	
Telephone	969		877	
Post and stationery	68		1,288	
Website	142		1,004	
Sparklers food supplies	934		58	
Advertising	-		26	
Accountancy	252		246	
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General pre-school materials	3,172		2,242	
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Staff training	2,235		705	
Spring trip costs	360		-	
Summer trip costs	520		557	
Visits and outings	50		-	
Summer leavers party/presents	-		325	
Easter expenses	-		42	
Christmas expenses	337		-	
Gifts	50		552	
Health and safety	-		860	
Books	340		240	
Toys and games	63		3,289	
Topic expenses	<u>336</u>		<u>873</u>	
		<u>83,949</u>		<u>93,299</u>
		(2,982)		(17,920)
<b>Finance costs</b>				
Bank charges		<u>99</u>		<u>67</u>
<b>NET LOSS</b>		<u>(3,081)</u>		<u>(17,987)</u>

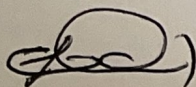
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Trips		75,379		71,135
<b>Expenditure</b>	40		-	
Donations	5,355		5,483	
Room hire	2,435		1,092	
Membership and insurance	2,539		-	
Repairs and maintenance	2,650		-	
Playground	152		-	
Cleaning expenses	61,640		54,759	
Wages and pensions	877		716	
Telephone	1,288		920	
Post and stationery	1,004		110	
Website	58		-	
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## **A.G.M. 2019**

### **Annual Report.**

This report has been written by Sarah Hodges (new supervisor) on behalf of Lynn McMahon (Retired Supervisor) with limited information passed on.

Sparklers had a much disrupted year with the Covid 19 Pandemic. There was a long lockdown where Sparklers was only open for keyworker children and the vulnerable. Staff were on a rota to cover this.

Sparklers had to go into isolation for 2 weeks due to a child with a positive case of Covid 19. A report was written to cover this.

Inductions and new starters were pushed back until Sparklers opened again.

The Chair of the committee Dan, resigned from the position and the vice chair Natalie stood up to be chair for the last term. The AGM couldn't take place due to Covid restrictions. OFSTED advice was taken on this.

Interviews were held to employ a new supervisor to replace the current supervisor who was retiring.

Sadly there were no trips out due to Covid and no visitors came into Sparklers.

We still have good links with Peatmoor School. We had to section off the outside playground so we were kept separate from the reception children.

The children couldn't go into the school to use the facilities this year due to Covid. We held our Christmas party in the Sparklers room instead of the usual school hall, again because of covid restrictions.

The facebook page was used to keep parents up to date with events.



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