

Trustees' Report 2024 – 2025

For the year ended 31 March 2025

This report is presented on behalf of the Trustees and provides an overview of the charity's activities, governance, and financial position during the 2024–2025 financial year.

Activities and Achievements

Summer Term 2024

During the summer term, staff undertook an inset day focused on safeguarding training and updates to the safeguarding policy, incorporating recent national and local guidance. In addition, a qualified Speech and Language Therapist delivered bespoke in-house training to all staff, supporting the development of children's vocabulary, communication, and language skills.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) priorities focused on supporting each child's individual learning journey, with particular emphasis on oral health and healthy eating. The setting worked alongside health professionals to provide targeted support for individual children where possible.

The preschool renewed its subscription to Tapestry, the online learning journey platform. This continued to support effective communication between staff and families and offers ongoing professional development opportunities to staff. Feedback from parents, carers, and staff remained positive.

The term started with 22 children on roll. Two senior staff members completed Designated Safeguarding Lead training and attended local authority training and network meetings to ensure best practice and professional compliance.

All Trustees were in attendance for Beehive's Annual General Meeting on 3 July 2024, chaired by S. Worman. The meeting was supported well by parents attending in person and remotely online.

Children eligible for two-year-old funding and Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) received food vouchers for £60 for the summer holiday period.

Autumn Term 2024

The autumn term marked the start of the new academic year. The number of children on roll reduced to 10 due to a considerable number transitioning to full-time school. Home visits supported new children and families joining, ensuring a smooth transition into the setting.

The Acting Manager continued in post due to ongoing recruitment challenges. 2 practitioners attended training for sensory processing.

Children participated in a range of learning experiences including "All About Me", festivals of light, Diwali, creative arts activities, and Christmas-themed stories, songs, and celebrations. The term concluded with a Christmas party, and all children received a storybook.

The charity received grant funding of £2,000 from the Windsor and Maidenhead Christian Trust. This grant supported a designated project aimed at improving and promoting outdoor play and learning, with ongoing benefits for the children.

EYPP and two-year-old funded eligible children received £40 Christmas food vouchers.

Spring Term 2025

There were 12 children on roll for spring term. Children took part in seasonal and curriculum-linked activities including calendar-making, planting seeds, Shrove Tuesday celebrations, World Book Day, and creative activities for Mother's Day and Easter. Each child received a World Book Day book voucher, and parent contributions enabled the purchase of books for shared reading.

EYPP and two-year-old funded eligible children received £20 food vouchers for the February half term and £40 food vouchers for the May holiday period.

Local infrastructure works in the surrounding area continued throughout the year. The Trustees remained proactive in monitoring the condition and maintenance of the premises and consulted with Countryside Partnerships to support a planned maintenance project, including the redecoration of the main room during the next summer closure, to ensure the environment remains safe, welcoming, and fit for purpose for the forthcoming academic year.

Trustees' Financial Review

(Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025)

Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Charity Commission guidance for small charities. The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that proper accounting records are maintained and that the accounts reflect the charity's financial activities during the year.

Section A: Receipts and Payments

Incoming Resources

Total receipts for the year amounted to £81,618 (2024: £86,745).

The charity's principal source of income continues to be funded childcare income, totalling £77,113, and voluntary income of £2,111. Additional income was from £30 donations and bank interest of £747.

The Trustees note a modest reduction in total income compared with the previous year, which reflects variations in occupancy and funding levels during the period. Income levels remained sufficient to support the charity's activities and charitable objectives.

Resources Expended

Total payments for the year were £89,136 (2024: £92,591).

The majority of expenditure related to staff costs, amounting to £71,000, reflecting the charity's reliance on qualified and experienced staff to deliver safe, effective early years provision in line with EYFS requirements.

Other significant areas of expenditure included:

- Premises costs, utilities, and rates
- Insurance and professional fees, including the Independent Examiner's fee.
- Learning resources, training, and operational costs
- Equipment purchases totalling £1,370

All expenditure was incurred in furtherance of the charity's objects and to ensure the continued safe and compliant operation of the provision.

Financial Result for the Year

The charity recorded a net surplus of £7,518 for the year (2024: surplus of £5,846). The Trustees consider this surplus appropriate and necessary to support ongoing operations, manage financial risk, and ensure continuity of service.

Section B: Statement of Assets and Liabilities

At 31 March 2025, the charity held total cash funds of £82,164 (2024: £89,682), held across the following:

- Lloyds Deposit Account
- Lloyds Current Account
- Petty Cash

These balances are in agreement with the receipts and payments accounts.

The charity held no restricted or endowment funds at the year end and had no material liabilities.

Reserves Position

The Trustees have reviewed the charity's reserves and consider the level of unrestricted funds held at the year end to be appropriate for the charity's size, level of activity, and foreseeable financial commitments. Reserves are held to ensure financial stability and to support the continued delivery of the charity's services.

Trustee Declaration

The Trustees confirm that the accounts give a true and fair summary of the charity's financial transactions for the year and its financial position at the year end. The Trustees are satisfied that the charity remains financially viable and able to continue delivering its charitable activities.

Report compiled by: Merib Gill, Trustee, On behalf of Beehive Pre-school Committee

Signed: Date: 24.11.2025



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Beehive Preschool

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1st April 2024

To

31st March 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Income - Invoiced fees	1,617			1,617	3,094
Income - Funded fees	77,113			77,113	80,915
Income - Fundraising and Donations	2,111			2,111	1,950
Income - Uniform sales				-	- 0
Income - Grants				-	- 0
Miscellaneous Income	30			30	53
Bank interest received	747			747	733
Designated fund - Deposits for places				-	-
JRS Grant				-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	81,618	-	-	81,618	86,745
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	81,618	- 0	- 0	81,618	86,745
A3 Payments					
Fundraising expenses/licences/ subscriptions	549			549	547
Misc expenses	39			39	77
Learning resources and special activities	960			960	2,355
Staff Costs	71,000			71,000	75,695
Rent	4,200			4,200	4,200
Water rates	275			275	239
General rates	67			67	22
Insurance	2,082			2,082	1,021
Electricity	4,621			4,621	5,002
Building improvements/repairs/ maintenance	652			652	346

Telephone	1,104			1,104	1,026					
Stationery and postage	90			90	91					
Bookkeeping and accounts	954			954	889					
Independent examiner fee	840			840	840					
Staff training	250			250	143					
Refreshments	83			83	98					
Reduction in deposits held				-	- 0					
School uniform				-	-					
Sub total	87,765	-	-	87,765	92,591					
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)										
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-						
Equipment	1,370	- 0	- 0	1,370	-					
Sub total	1,370	- 0	- 0	1,370	- 0					
Total payments	89,136	- 0	- 0	89,136	92,591					
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 7,518	-	-	- 7,518	- 5,846					
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-					
A6 Cash funds last year end	89,682	-	-	89,682	95,528					
Cash funds this year end	82,164	-	-	82,164	89,682					
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period										
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £						
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Deposit Account	67,708	-	-						
	Lloyds Current Account	14,456	-	-						
	Petty Cash	-	-	-						
	Total cash funds	82,164	-	-						
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK						
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £						
	Details									
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-						

		-	-	-					
		-	-	-					
		-	-	-					
		-	-	-					
		-	-	-					
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)					
B3 Investment assets			-	-					
			-	-					
			-	-					
			-	-					
			-	-					
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)					
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use									
			-	-					
			-	-					
			-	-					
			-	-					
			-	-					
			-	-					
			-	-					
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)					
B5 Liabilities	Deposits held for places	Unrestricted	-						
	PAYE, NIC and Pensions Payable	Unrestricted	-						
			-						
			-						
			-						

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name		Date of approval				

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Beehive Pre-School

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Beehive Pre-School for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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