

Little Acorns Preschool

Chair of Trustees Report 2023-2024

We began this year having started a bid for a grant to replace or repair our building. The building which is of modular construction has been in use for over 20 years and was a refurbished building then.

Pupil numbers were fairly good for the year, but as always we had to be very careful with our limited finances. We have a dedicated SEND lead and had a few challenging pupils, which the team looked after very well.

We had our usual fundraising events, raffles, fairs (winter, spring and summer), but we were concentrating on the grant application, via the governments 'Levelling Up Fund'. Negotiations were protracted. We had to get permission from our landlord, The Rainbow Academy Trust, to carry out the works and also their agreement to extend our lease (on the land only, we own the building) which only had 5 years to run. They initially did not think they were our landlord, but eventually it was all agreed. The plan eventually agreed on was to remodel the interior layout. There were several reasons why we did this as opposed to a demolition and new build. Mainly it was cost, refurbishment was cheaper and also the roof had been recovered only 2 years before. Anyway finally it was all completed just in time for our September '24 opening.

We are now able to accept pupils from 18 months old as we have a new 'quiet' room in the refurbished building.

I would to thank all the staff who as always coped with the upheaval of clearing the building in July and setting it all up again for reopening in September in a very professional way.

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Financial Activities

September 2023 - August 2024

	TOTAL	
	SEP 2023 - AUG 2024	SEP 2022 - AUG 2023 (PY)
Income		
Fees from parents	5,761.50	18,031.46
Funding CCC	87,672.69	64,683.24
Fundraising Activities	1,611.40	2,359.48
Interest Received	149.37	83.21
Lunch time	1,623.00	1,420.50
Sports 4 Tots	1,213.70	925.50
Total Income	£98,031.66	£87,503.39
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Expenditures		
Advertising/Promotional	91.07	192.13
Agency/Supply Staff	167.99	
Alarm and Security Costs	1,501.93	1,837.61
Bad debts	434.65	
Classroom Resources		2,527.75
Cleaning	555.05	349.15
Computer Costs	416.95	645.68
Employer pension contribution	577.84	802.28
Employers NIC	0.00	1,867.74
Energy	2,415.67	1,397.94
Equipment Purchases		79.98
Gross wages	76,468.42	72,590.29
Health & Safety Expense	163.18	
Hygiene	476.73	690.08
Insurances	1,606.70	1,058.46
Maintenance	1,034.31	12,656.75
non domestic rates	425.16	268.08
Office/General Administrative Expenses	234.87	
pest control	626.27	569.33
Phone Costs	903.37	854.31
Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,507.28	1,179.48
Professional Fees	1,396.56	1,626.81
Raising funds	358.75	658.51
Refurbishment Costs	198,507.73	
Refuse	835.14	734.95
Resources Purchases Expense	1,260.91	
SMP		0.00
Sports 4 Tots Costs	1,189.00	1,359.75
staff training and costs	1,168.10	610.00
Subscription	562.11	467.24
Sundries		85.18
Travel and Accommodation		25.20
Total Expenditures	£294,885.74	£105,134.68
NET OPERATING INCOME	£ -196,854.08	£ -17,631.29

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Other Income		
Cornwall Council Restricted Funding Grant	200,000.00	
Grants	356.25	13,068.75
SMP Refunded		6,922.56
Total Other Income	£200,356.25	£19,991.31
NET OTHER INCOME	£200,356.25	£19,991.31
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£3,502.17	£2,360.02



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

Little Acorns Pre-School

On accounts for the year ended

31st August 2024

Charity no (if any)

1029846

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2024.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

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October



Date:

11/06/2025

Name:

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Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.