

## **Trustees Annual Report September 2024 - August 2025**

This year we send less children to school. This being 12 children to 5 local schools around Taunton. This meant that we have had a busier than normal September with fewer spaces to new children. We had a few new children join us in January but not as many as we would have liked. However, due to the expansion of the Working Family funding, all children from 9 months, if they meet the criteria were able to claim 30/22 hours per week of funding. Which has helped our finances as this has brought more babies into the setting, which hopefully means they will stay until they leave for school.

April saw yet another increase in both the national minimum wage and national insurance contributions. However, as a business it means we struggle to find the extra income to cover the increase, along with the higher inflation rate meaning everything is more expensive.

We have not lost any staff this financial year, which is a real positive. We have even managed to find two new apprentices, starting in April 2025 and a level 2 practitioner, who started in October 2024. We continue to have very good staff retention. This is why we are very lucky, as qualified, experienced staff are leaving the childcare sector at a higher rate than ever before. It is also extremely hard to find suitable staff due to the increasing work load in early years.

Even with higher numbers of children, we have been able to take them on some external trips. These have included trips on buses and visits to the local museum, which both the staff and more importantly the children have thoroughly enjoyed, and we will hope to continue doing these going forward. The also children thoroughly enjoy visiting the local library, at least once a week for rhyme time and story.

Over the summer, we continued to build links with the local community, something which is very important to us as a setting. We also like visiting the pride in Priorswood event, that happens every Tuesday during the summer holidays.

Another has passed at Brook Green, we have been more fortunate than others with many settings having to close over the last financial year due to the financial restraint.

Hears to another (hopefully) positive new year at Brook Green.

**BROOK GREEN EARLY YEARS**

**ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**



# BROOK GREEN EARLY YEARS

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

£                      £

Accumulated fund b/fwd as at 31 August 2024                      18,395.79

Total Income for year                      312,407.85

Total Expenditure for year                      288,796.62

Excess of income over expenditure for the year                      23611.21

Accumulated Fund c/fwd as at 31st August 2025                      42,007.02





# BROOK GREEN EARLY YEARS

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

	£	£	£
Accumulated Balance brought forward from 31st August 2024			18,395.79

### INCOME

Fees (Parents)	104,212.87
2 & 3 year old Funding Grant	197,917.59
CSC	
Higher Needs Funding	7,668.87
Grants	600.00
Other	2,008.08
Fundraising	

Total income for year	<u>312,407.85</u>
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### EXPENDITURE

staff wages	185,696.37
NI/Tax	41,032.80
Staff Training	146.00
Pension Contributions	8,800.00
Recruitment	387.73
Rates	3,745.20
Premises Costs	5,629.00
Phone/Internet	706.04
Cleaning	12,325.29

### EXPENDITURE (cont'd)

Food	6,763.27
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Nursery Equipment	11,557.71
Ofsted Fee	220.00
Nursery Insurance	2,221.00
Nursery Misc	2,520.11
Office Consumables	816.00
Office Equipment	557.80
Sage/Software	2,931.39

Total expenditure for year	<u>288,796.62</u>
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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

#### Report to the trustees

Charity Name

BROOK GREEN EARLY YEARS

#### On accounts for the year ended

31st AUGUST 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1030342

#### Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Sarah Watling

Date:

27/2/2026

Name:

SARAH WATLING

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

MAAT.



(if any):

Address:

THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE

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## Section B

## Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

Date: 25/12/2014

Signed: Susan Wainwright

Signed:

Name: SARAH WATLING

Name: