

# Sept 2024– Aug 2025 Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts



Little Wonders Preschool  
Chalkstone Way  
Haverhill  
CB9 0BW  
Ofsted EY451151



Charity No. 1030804

Little Wonders Preschool

# Operating activities

☆ Our Preschool is located in the heart of the community of Haverhill. We are dedicated to providing high quality care and education to children aged between two and five years old and to support the families of those children so we can ensure the best possible outcomes for each individual child.

We want to give each child the best start to their school years, so we have created a nurturing and inspiring environment where children can develop their talents and build their confidence.

Our experienced team of preschool practitioners offer a balanced and challenging early years curriculum where activities are planned carefully so that every individual child can explore their interests, understand the world around them, learn and understand the importance of values and boost their self-esteem in readiness for their transition to primary school.

Development and learning is guided by the Early Years Foundation Stage and we continually echo the four guiding themes and principles in our setting, our activities and our planning.

A UNIQUE CHILD - Every child is a unique child, who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.

POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS - Children learn to be strong and independent through positive relationships.

ENABLING ENVIRONMENTS - Children learn and develop well in enabling environments in which their experiences respond to their individual needs and there is a strong partnership between practitioners and parents and carers. Every parent and carer is encouraged to be involved in the preschool, they can vote at general meetings and participate in continually developing the preschool by joining the committee.

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT - Children learn and develop in different ways and at different times. They start to learn about the world around them from the moment they are born. By providing them with interesting activities that are age appropriate, challenging and tailored to their stage of development, children can move onto the next stage of their schooling with confidence.

**OUR VISION:** We believe every child is unique and capable. Little Wonders Preschool provides a warm, safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment where children learn through play, develop confidence, build positive relationships, and feel valued and supported to reach their full potential at their own pace.



WE ARE OPEN 38 WEEKS A YEAR DURING TERM TIME.

MONDAY	Morning Session 8.45 - 11.45am	Lunch Club 11.45am - 12.15pm	Afternoon Session 12.15pm - 3.15pm
TUESDAY	8.45 - 11.45am	11.45am - 12.15pm	12.15pm - 3.15pm
WEDNESDAY	8.45 - 11.45am	11.45am - 12.15pm	12.15pm - 3.15pm
THURSDAY	8.45 - 11.45am	11.45am - 12.15pm	12.15pm - 3.15pm
FRIDAY	8.45 - 11.45am	11.45am - 12.15pm	12.15pm - 3.15pm

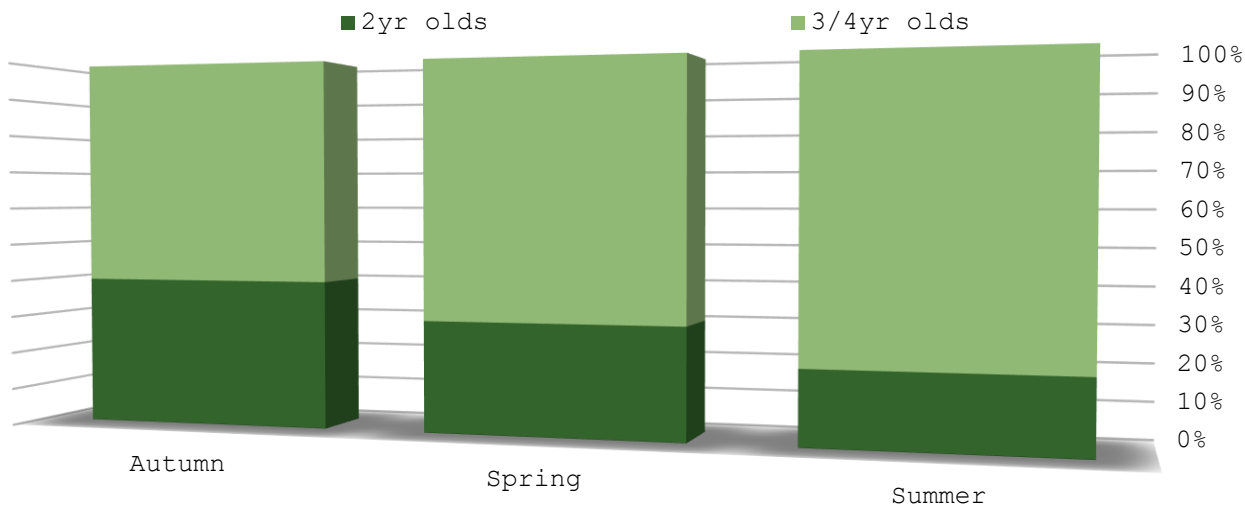


# Uptake of Sessions

Throughout the year we had a total of 54 children enrolled at Little Wonders Preschool and ran throughout the year at full capacity with a large waiting list consisting of 53 children.

We had 31 children leave the preschool in July ready to start primary school and 20 new children due to start in September 2025.

WHERE OUR FAMILIES ARE FROM: Haverhill and surrounding villages



# Fees & Funding

Children who are not eligible for free hours, or who wish to attend sessions beyond their entitlement are invoiced at the following price;

★ £18.00 per 3 hour session

There is also the option to attend lunch club at an additional charge of £3.00 for the 30 minutes of childcare. Pack lunches should be provided by parents for their child.

★ Lunch club (30 mins) £3.00

All three and four year olds are able to claim universal funding of up to 15 free hours each week in the term following their third birthday. Some two year olds are able to claim up to 15 hours of free childcare each week if their families are on a low household income.

We also offer extended 30 hours free childcare to eligible two, three and four year olds of working families. A contribution of £1.00 per funded session is requested from parents to go towards consumable costs for their child.

★ £1.00 Consumable Contribution (per funded session)

In total we received £31,612.24 from paying children in 2024/2025. £9268.50 was via childcare voucher/tax free government schemes.

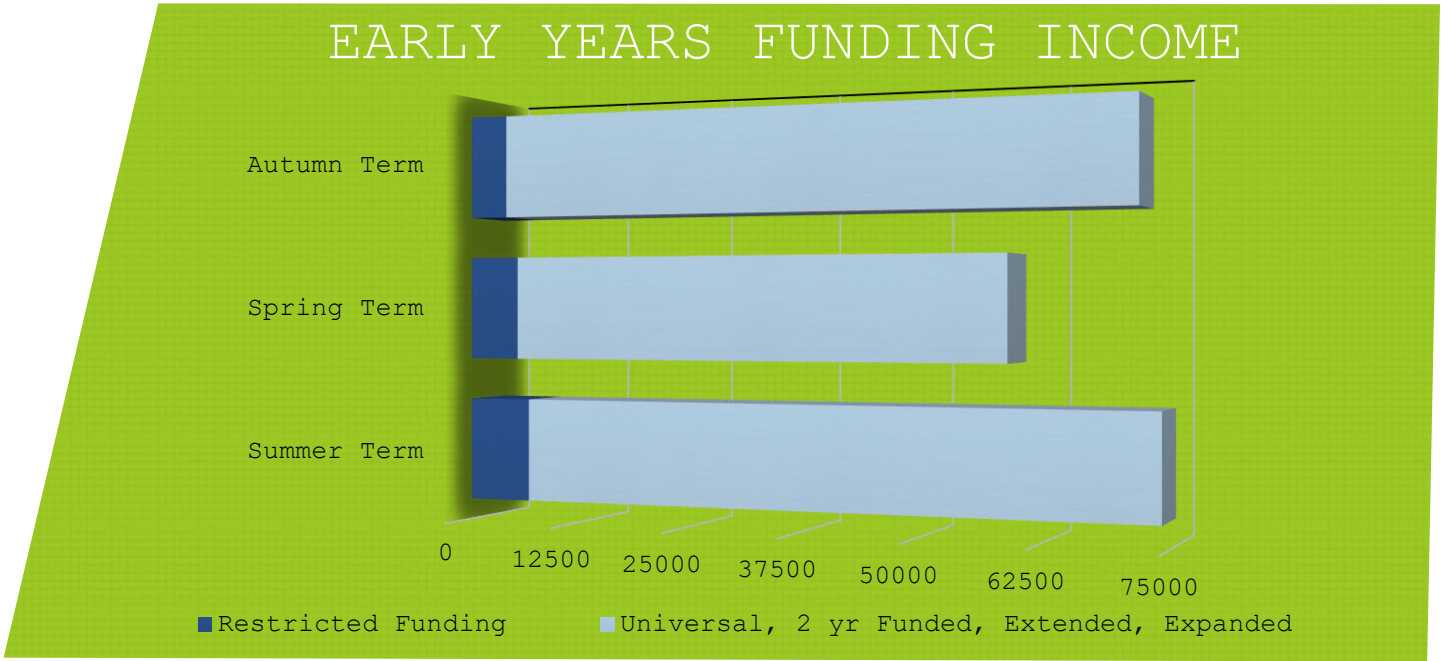
For the academic year, we received income of £206,010.57 in Early Years Funding which includes £17,297.70 restricted funds. The funding we received per 3 hour session:

★ 2yr olds  
Autumn & Spring £22.14  
Summer £22.71

★ 3/4yr olds  
Autumn & Spring £15.63  
Summer £16.20

Restricted funds represent **Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)**, **Deprivation Funding**, **Disability Access Funding** and **HNF (SEN)**. We had 15 children in receipt of EYPP at an additional rate of £3 per session. This additional funding is used to close the gap between the child's progress and that of their peers by improved staff training, resources or support for children. Any spend must benefit these particular children, but may also be of benefit to others at the preschool.

No children received deprivation funding at an additional rate of £1.20 per session. This funding would be used to maximise the quality of teaching, improve the quality of the setting, help with language development, provide parenting support and help with school transitional arrangements, all proven areas that help the more disadvantaged children progress.



# FUNDRAISING

Each year we aim to raise around **£1,500** with our various fundraising activities.

We try to hold a fundraising event each term for our families/parents to attend and additional commission from school photo sales and purchase platforms such as Easy Fundraising.

Our Christmas fair was again successful this year raising **£472.11** along with our Bingo night raising **£447.00**. We have received commission from our school photographer totaling **£277.80**, **£107.47** from Easy Fundraising, **£23** from preloved uniform and kindly **£75** was donated from the local Golf Club.

Unfortunately the clairvoyant evening was less successful this year with only raising **£99**.

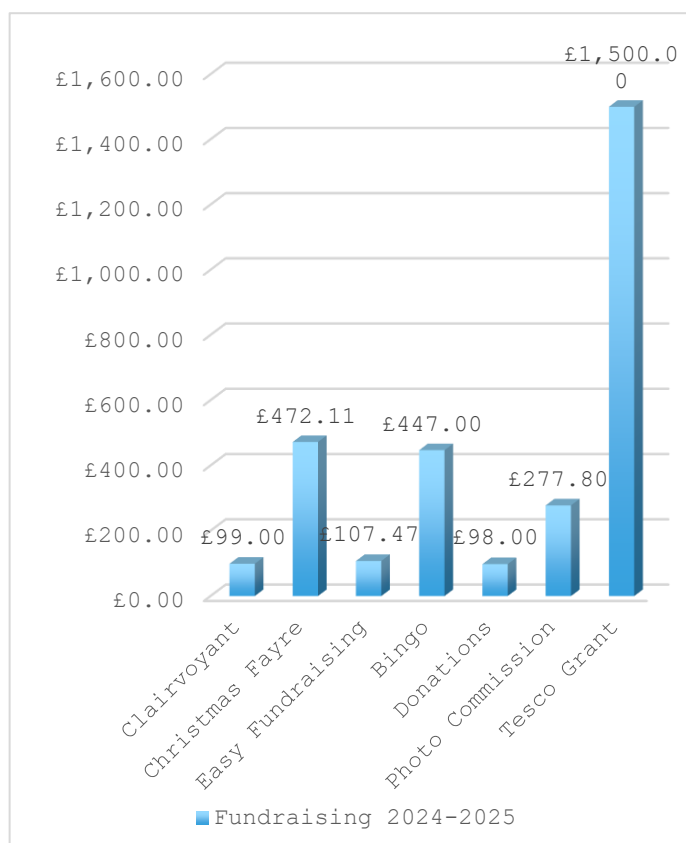
We have been successful in winning the Tesco Blue Token Grant of **£1500** to improve our sensory/cosy corner and purchase new music equipment for the children. This grant arrived in September 2024.

All money raised was used to improve the preschool for the best possible outcomes of the children.

A new laptop was purchased to assist the staff with completing their Tapestry observations online.

A large amount of forest school equipment was also purchased for the top garden area and a new welly rack for the playground.

New children's chairs were purchased for the whole setting.



We have exceeded our expectations this year and raised a total of **£3001.38** for new equipment for the children.





WE ARE MANAGED  
BY A COMMITTEE  
OF VOLUNTEERS  
NOMINATED BY  
THE PARENTS OF  
THE PRESCHOOL.  
TOGETHER THEY  
FORM THE  
TRUSTEES OF  
THE CHARITY.



# Trustees and Governance

We are members of the Early Years Alliance (membership 106093) and our standard governing document is the Pre-School Learning Alliance Constitution (2011), which is adopted each year at the General Meeting.

## TRUSTEES

Chairperson - Steven Ward  
Treasurer - Cadena Smither  
Secretary - Colena Fuller

Registered Individual/Committee member - Rebecca Brown



Trustees are elected or re-elected each year by the parents at the General Meeting. All trustees have Enhanced Disclosure and Barring (DBS) checks carried out when they commence their trusteeship. The committee meet every half term where the Treasurers' Report and Managers report are presented, any issues are raised and addressed and planning for events is discussed.

# Financial Review

At year end (30<sup>th</sup> August 2025) we have **£45,254.14** total funds available in our cash access account and **£35,854.92** in our Contingency Funds account that we would like to gradually increase so that 3 months running costs are retained for unforeseen circumstances (estimated at **£50,000**). This is a new higher interest account so it is making good increases with the monthly interest payments. This will all help towards this target.

In the Fundraising account there is **£2,107.56** which we plan to purchase a forest school summerhouse/classroom in the next financial year.

This year there has been huge improvements made to the top garden area for the forest school sessions. We have purchased lots of new equipment and improved the layout with additional privacy screening.

Improvements continue to refreshing the preschools interior design by updating the children's chairs and equipment in the setting. Finances have been used from both the restricted funds and fundraising account to achieve this. New fencing has also been erected around the playground to improve security.

The preschool's greatest expenditure is its staff costs. We employ a full time preschool manager (level 4 qualified in early years), a full time administrator and a deputy manager (currently

completing their level 5). We have 5 other full time members of teaching staff and 1 part time, all of which are Level 3 qualified.

Our expenditure on staff including wages, pensions, tax, national insurance, training and uniform costs represents more than 76% of our total expenditure this year which is a slight increase on last year.

Rent and utilities have also increased this year by approximately £4k.

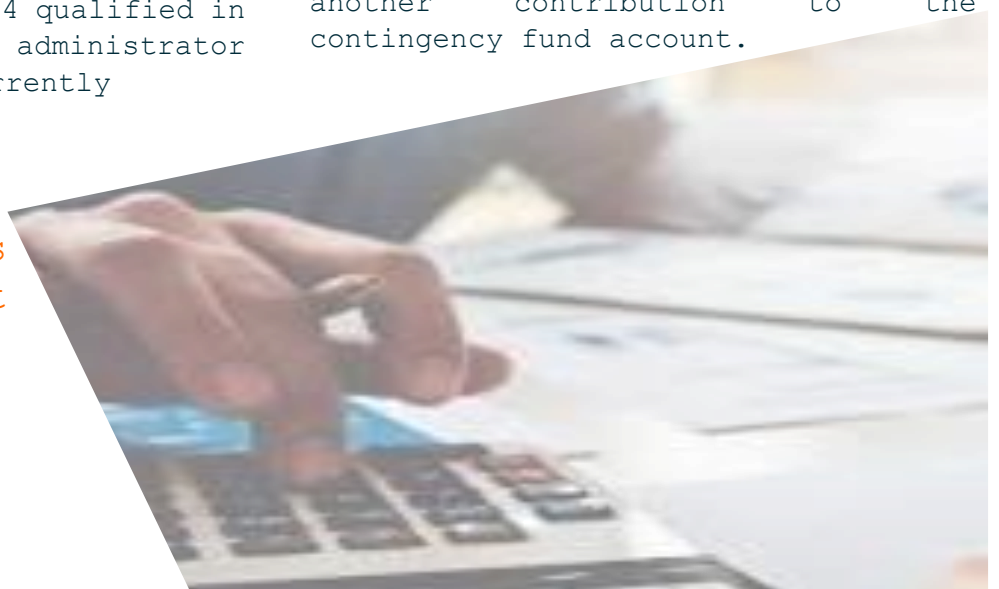
We manage our budget effectively to ensure that we can meet all of our liabilities and continue to offer quality care and education to the families in our community.

This year we have seen a reduction in the amount paid by parents and an increase in the funding from the local authority. This is due to the roll out of more government funded hours for families.

We keep our fees at a rate in line with current government funding, so we are affordable and accessible to as many families as possible.

Planned allocation for the **£19,300.18** is for annual staff wage increases (Sept 2025), forecasted increases in rent and utilities (Jan 2026) and another contribution to the contingency fund account.

We did not experience any serious incidents in 2024/2025 that should have been brought to the Charity Commission's attention.



# Income & Expenditure

**Little Wonders Pre School**  
**Income & Expenditure Account**  
**For the year ended 31st August 2025**

## **Income**

Parent Remittances (Fees & Uniform)	£ 22,343.74	
Voucher Schemes	£ 9,268.50	
Restricted Funds	£ 17,297.70	
Suffolk County Council	£ 188,712.87	
Fundraising/ Donations	£ 3,885.17	
Bank Interest	£ 826.45	
Other	£ 809.29	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£ 243,143.72</b>

## **Expenses**

Salaries, Tax, Employer NI & Pensions	£ 169,122.37	
Building - Rent, Utilities, Repairs and Maintenance	£ 16,103.68	
Restricted Funds	£ 17,297.70	
Uniforms	£ 90.00	
Catering	£ 1,863.40	
Consumables	£ 1,541.78	
Education and Resources	£ 4,178.33	
Office costs (incl postage) , contracts & Subscriptions	£ 2,372.26	
Building Work	£ 4,627.20	
Professional Fees	£ 3,672.34	
Training	£ 786.14	
Other	£ 2,188.34	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>£ 223,843.54</b>

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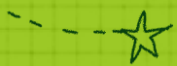


# trustees signature and declaration

I DECLARE IN MY CAPACITY OF CHARITY TRUSTEE  
THAT:



THE TRUSTEES HAVE APPROVED THE  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS;  
AND



HAVE AUTHORISED ME TO SIGN ON THEIR  
BEHALF.

Steve Ward  
Chairperson

Philippa Hammond  
Administrator



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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

#### Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
Little Wonders Pre-school

#### On accounts for the year ended

31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1030804

#### Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2025.

#### 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.

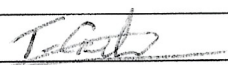
#### Independent examiner's statement

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:

- 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.

Signed:



Date:

30.01.26

Name:

Teresa Carter

#### Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:

Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT)

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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.