



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st September 2023** To **31st August 2024**

Charity name: **Long Buckby Preschool**

Charity registration number: **1033171**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	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 and by: (a) offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, family learning and extended hours groups, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of such groups, ensuring that such groups offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability; (b) encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local areas; (c) instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The charity employs a staff of as many as eight practitioners (depending on number of students enrolled) including a manager and deputy manager. Renting a room from the local Baptist church, we provide preschool education and childcare for two to five year olds during weekdays and school term-time, Monday to Friday, 9am-3pm.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Our trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Over the 2023-2024 academic year, Long Buckby Preschool continued to provide high-quality and safe preschool education and childcare to residents of Long Buckby village and the surrounding area. We were also able to provide support for children with special educational needs to participate in preschool activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The position at the end of this period is viable, with sufficient funds to cover operating expenses.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We hold savings to indemnify trustees in the event of the charity acquiring large financial liabilities, as we are unincorporated at this time, and to cover operational costs in the event of a significant reduction in income.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£45085
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The principal risk to the charity is if enrollment numbers decline, reducing our income from fees and local government childcare funding. However enrollment numbers remained healthy throughout this period.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Our funding sources include: * collecting fees from parents * receive funding from local government as part of parent's entitlement to free childcare for 2 and 3 year olds * additional funding via the pupil premium for children from lower income households * additional funding from local government for children with special educational needs * fundraising activities
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The charity does not maintain investments, beyond holding its reserves in an instant access savings account.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution, as drafted by the Early Years Alliance
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected annually at an Annual General Meeting by members of the charity, or else co-opted by the committee of trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees have enhanced CRB checks and EY2 checks for eligibility with Ofsted.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity has membership of and is advised by the Early Years Alliance.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Long Buckby Pre-school
Other name the charity uses	Long Buckby Preschool
Registered charity number	1033171
Charity's principal address	Long Buckby Preschool Market Square Long Buckby Northants NN6 7RR

		Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity				
			Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
		1	Thomas Lawrence	Chair	whole year	
		2	Wendy Morrison		whole year	
		3	Lucy Macleod	Treasurer (until 22/07/2024) Secretary (from 22/07/2024)	whole year	
		4	Theresa O'Shea		whole year	
		5	Samantha Waters	Secretary (until 26/06/2024)	29/06/2023 - 26/06/2024	
		6	Rhoda Thomas	Treasurer (from 22/07/2024)	22/07/2024 onwards	
		7	Hazel Giles		26/06/2024 - 16/08/2024	
		8	Tyela Depsi		26/04/2024 onwards	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)				
	Type of adviser	Name	Address	
	Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)			
	Lucy Macleod			

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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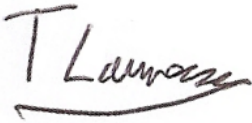
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

			Signature(s)					
			Full name(s)	Thomas Lawrence	Rhoda Thomas			
			Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer			
			Date	13/06				

Profit and Loss

Long Buckby Pre School

For the year ended 31 August 2025

2025

Turnover

2yr Funding	12,132.70
Council funding payment	29,490.44
Interest Income	1,061.87
Total Turnover	42,685.01

Cost of Sales

Cost of Goods Sold	30.47
Direct Expenses	2,541.44
Physically Active	141.66
Resources	540.91
Total Cost of Sales	3,254.48

Gross Profit

39,430.53

Administrative Costs

Audit & Accountancy fees	106.00
Bank Fees	(14.00)
Cleaning	1,083.37
Employers National Insurance	1,904.98
General Expenses	831.31
IT Software and Consumables	843.65
Pensions Costs	234.96
Printing & Stationery	248.10
Rent	2,107.44
Repairs & Maintenance	159.18
Salaries	50,304.13
Staff Training	(140.74)
Staff uniforms	364.59
Subscriptions	1,162.98
Telephone & Internet	584.07
Travel - National	176.15
Total Administrative Costs	59,956.17

Operating Profit

(20,525.64)

Other Income

Committee fundraising income	190.60
Donations	11.25
Parents Fees and additional costs	10,842.25
Total Other Income	11,044.10

	2025
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	(9,481.54)
Profit after Taxation	(9,481.54)

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Mrs Rhoda Thomas
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10th June 2025

Dear Rhoda,

I can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination of the paperwork supplied, 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.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Watson', with a stylized, cursive script.

Jo Watson