

Trustees' Annual Report for 1st August 2024 to 31st July 2025

Section A – Reference and administration details

Charity name: The Corner Preschool (St Cuthberts)
Other names the charity is known by: was first known as St Cuthberts Playgroup
Registered charity number: 1033385
Charity's principal address: St Cuthberts Centre
Lichfield Road
Portsmouth
PO3 6DE

Names of the charity trustees who managed the charity for the period above

Lisa Mould – Chair until 27th September
Ami-Louise Pullen – Chair from 27th September
Lucy Swales – Secretary until 27th September (resigned September)
Donna Johnson – Secretary from 27th September
Nicola Clannachan - Treasurer
Denise Walker Clare Blandford
Kharis Knapp Hayley Marsh (resigned September)
Lucy Rogers Holly Walker (resigned September)
Emma Grocott Harriett Ponsford (resigned September)
Ami-Louise Pullen Kirsty Collins (from September)
Megan Coventry (from September)

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity on the date this report is signed

Ami-Louise Pullen – Chair
Donna Johnson – Secretary
Nicola Clannachan - Treasurer
Denise Walker Clare Blandford
Lisa Mould Kharis Knapp
Lucy Rogers Emma Grocott
Kirsty Collins Megan Coventry

Section B – Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document: Constitution
How the charity is constituted: Association
Trustee selection methods: Elected by the parents of the children attending the preschool

Section C – Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity

To enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age within a community group.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

Run preschool sessions supervised by quality staff, following the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. Provide lunchtime care between morning and afternoon sessions where required. Provide advice and guidance to the parents and carers of young children.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The Corner Pre-School welcomes pupils from all backgrounds. An individual's economic status, gender, ethnicity, race, religion or disability do not influence our waiting list and admission processes.

Section D – Achievements and performance

Ran more than 340 supervised preschool sessions, of 3 hours each, for children aged 2 to 4 years.

Provided lunchtime care between morning and afternoon sessions. Parents can choose any combination of sessions, space permitting.

Attained Ofsted grade Good when we were inspected in May.

Section E – Financial review

Charity's policy on reserves

The charity holds reserves to cover redundancy payments should they be necessary. During a year in which sessions are full reserves may be put aside for quieter years.

Further financial review details

The charity receives funding from Portsmouth City Council (PCC) for each session attended by a child eligible for Nursery Education Grant (NEG) or 2-year-old funding, up to 15 hours a week per child. Several children have been eligible for 30-hour funding this year. Several children have been eligible for the new working family 2-year-old funding, meaning children are now attending for more sessions at an earlier age.

Fees are paid by parents for additional hours and for children not eligible for NEG or funding. The charity also receives Early Years Pupil Premium from PCC to help improve the learning outcomes of disadvantaged children. This year saw a few children receiving additional funding to cater for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

The trustees organise fundraising activities to buy larger items of equipment and subsidise special events and activities.

Section F – Other optional information

The trustees would like to thank everyone who supported the Sponsored Bounce and our stall at St Cuthbert's May Fair, raising a total of £817.

Section G – Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) D. Walker

A. Pullen

Full name(s) Denise Walker

Ami-Louise Pullen

Position Trustee

Chair person

Date 8/10/25

08/10/25

Receipts	This year	Last year
Fees	7877	13814
Funding	128947	100993
	136824	114807
Bank interest	1381	1436
Fundraising	626	1081
Payments for childrens tops	130	225
SENDIF grants	5492	10325
Early Years Pupil Premium	1064	467
Supplementary grant		7250
Apprenticeship grant	500	
Donations	130	
	7186	18042
<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>146147</u>	<u>135591</u>

Payments	This year	Last year
Staff costs		
Net wages	98188	95418
Tax & NICs	6094	4448
Pension contributions	6196	6177
Training courses and materials	499	183
Uniform	230	206
Staff DBS checks	638	
Teambuilding	374	
	112219	106432
Premises		
Room hire	11680	11808
Maintenance	2573	2527
Rates	1674	1570
	15927	15905
Equipment	608	644
Consumables	979	818
Trips, parties, etc.	457	212
Gifts & flowers	114	63
	2158	1737
Insurance	738	733
Membership subscriptions	298	275
Admin	860	630
Committee DBS checks	52	16
	1948	1654
Bank charges	68	60
Fundraising costs		10
Purchase of children's tops	114	256
<u>Total Payments</u>	<u>132434</u>	<u>126054</u>

	This year	Last year
Surplus (receipts less payments)	13713	9537
Deficit (payments less receipts)		
Cash funds at start of year	98387	88850
Cash funds at end of year	112100	98387
Increase over year	13713	9537
Decrease over year		

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash funds		
Current account	54604	42148
Savings account	57494	56227
Cash in hand	2	12
	112100	98387
Assets		
Various items of play equipment, toys and books		
Classroom furniture and storage cupboards		
Mobile phone		
Computer, printer		
Digital camera		
Outdoor area resources		
Liabilities		
Wages to be paid over summer hols	9354	9790
PAYE & NICs not yet paid to HMRC	1261	1180
Pension contributions not yet paid	1086	897
	11701	11867



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
St Cuthberts Playgroup

On accounts for the year
ended

31/07/2025

Charity no
(if any)

1033385

Set out on pages

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(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:

Date: 06/05/2026

Name:

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

MAAT

Address:

Neon Numbers Ltd, 259 Copnor Road, Portsmouth, PO3 5EE

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.