



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/06/2024

Period start date To 31/05/2025

Period end date

Charity name: Thurton & Ashby St. Mary Pre-school

Charity registration number: 1036204

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Thurton & Ashby St. Mary Pre-school offers care and education for children from two years old to school age.
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	We employ dedicated early years practitioners who are highly qualified in their field. They offer purposeful play activities tailored to individual children's needs and interests including those children with Special Educational Needs/Disabilities. This enables all children to reach their full potential regardless of their starting points.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All committee members become the Charity Trustees and have an induction including Trustee Guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Committee Members, Practitioners, Parents and Friends of Pre-school volunteer their time to organise and support fundraising events throughout the year. Volunteers with Enhanced DBS checks also support practitioners to offer two Forest School sessions per week in term time.
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	During 2024/2025 Practitioners worked hard to provide continuous outdoor learning for the children, both in the Garden Area and in the Forest School. One practitioner gained a Level 3 Forest School certificate enabling pre-school to offer enriching activities suitable for children aged 2 - 4 years twice a week in a forest setting. Practitioners and Committee Members organised and supported fundraising events to enable pre-school to replace and maintain equipment such as a gazebo, a wooden shelter and sheds. This has enabled pre-school to welcome new children and their families into a safe, well maintained setting as well as offering events for the wider community to enjoy and participate.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Pre-school funded a practitioner to do a Level 3 Forest School certificate which has now been completed.
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	During 2024/2025 Practitioners and Committee Members, organised very successful fundraising events including three Jumble Sales, an Auto Jumble and Classic Car Show with a Grand Draw and a Christmas Bazaar and Grand Draw. This was done with help from Parents, Volunteers and Friends of Pre-school. Practitioners also organised smaller fundraising events at pre-school for parents, like cake sales, book and toy sales and craft make sales. All of the money raised directly benefitted the children and their families.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Pre-school's financial position at 31/05/2025 is not as good as last year as there was a substantial increase in staff wages and training costs.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We hold reserves in case of staff redundancy.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	We hold £6,407 in the Redundancy Fund
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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	Pre-school's principle sources of funds are Government Grant Funding for 3/4 year olds and eligible 2 year olds. Fees charged for all other children and our own community fundraising.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Principal risks for 2025/26 are the increase in the National Living Wage, National Insurance and Staff Pensions. We aim to maintain a pay differential between the different levels of practitioners. Also any drop in registered children as this is linked to the amount received in Government Grant Funding. And our ability to maintain a good level of fundraising which helps to subsidise our income.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage 2025 including Learning and Development Requirements and Welfare Requirements. Pre-school has a comprehensive set of Policies and Procedures adopted and reviewed at least annually by all adults in the setting.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Pre-school runs under the Pre-school Learning Alliance Constitution 2011 (Early Years Alliance from 2016)
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	Pre-school holds an Annual General Meeting in June to elect a Committee. Those committee members become the setting's Trustees after obtaining the relevant DBS and EY2 checks.

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	Policies and Procedures are in place for the induction of new Trustees.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Pre-school Committee employed seven members of staff (2024/2025) four of which on a part-time basis. The Playleader manages the day-to-day running of the setting, reporting to the management committee at their regular meetings. The setting is inspected at lease every six years by OFSTED and more often if required and at their most recent inspection received a GOOD rating. And receives advice and support from Norfolk County Council.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Thurton & Ashby St. Mary Pre-school
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1036204
Charity's principal address	Thurton and Ashby St. Mary Village Hall Ashby Road Thurton Norwich Norfolk NR14 6AX (Please note this is not a correspondence address)

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	Janet Reynolds	Chairperson		Thurton & Ashby St. Mary Pre-school
2	Amy Whittam	Chairperson		
3	Sandra Rennie	Treasurer		
4	Natalie Hammond	Ordinary Member	Elected 16/06/2025	
5	Andrea Baylis	Ordinary Member	Elected 16/06/2025	
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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

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
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
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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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)	S M Rennie	
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Full name(s)	Sandra Mary Rennie	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer Thurton & Ashby St. Mary Pre-school	
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Date	20/01/2026
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THURTON PRE - SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

This report on the financial statements of the Thurton Pre - School Playgroup for the year ended 31 May 2025 which are set out on the attached page, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act").

Respective Responsibilities Of Trustees and the Examiner

As trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to complete the following:

1. Examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Act.
2. To follow the procedures laid down in general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(B) of the Act.
3. To indicate whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Committee and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as members of the Committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
A. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act, and
B. to prepare financial statements which accord with accounting records and comply with accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

10 October 2025 Independent
 Examiner

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THURTON PRE - SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations		1598.66		1721.97
Voucher Funding		62969.35		50615.79
Fees		8991.53		12040.25
Fundraising		5729.31		4340.21
Grants		0.00		0.00
Uniform & Sportswear		13.00		30.00
Bank Interest		57.69		52.03
Other Income		<u>540.00</u>		<u>5032.90</u>
		79896.54		73833.15
Expenses				
Wages	81874.98		65483.62	
Rent	3252.00		3299.00	
Fundraising Costs	-		-	
Equipment & Garden Costs	748.99		3978.51	
Insurance	987.44		968.52	
Postage & Stationery	617.80		827.62	
Uniform & Sportswear	270.71		147.48	
Accounts, Wages & Bookkeeping Fees	965.00		900.00	
Subscriptions & Licences	356.00		335.91	
Advertising & Website	311.72		127.45	
Milk	2.65		25.20	
Training Courses & Books	1609.00		103.40	
Travelling Expenses	-		-	
Grant Expenditure	-		-	
Other Expenses	<u>1680.24</u>	<u>92676.53</u>	<u>1198.29</u>	<u>77395.00</u>
Net Income For Year		(12779.99)		(3561.85)
Surplus 1st June		28051.96		31613.81
Balance at 31 May		15271.97		28051.96

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MAY 2024

Current Assets				
Bank Accounts	15232.12		28012.11	
Cash In Hand	39.85	15271.97	39.85	28051.96
Represented By				
General Fund	8864.23		21644.22	
Grants Fund	6407.74	<u>15271.97</u>	6407.74	<u>28051.96</u>
Capital & Reserves		15271.97		28051.96