

ELLESMERE DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1036589

Details

Other names	ELLESMERE PLAYSCHOOL (NORTH SHROPSHIRE), ELLESMERE DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL GROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1994-04-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 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

Activities: Providing a secure, caring and happy environment and offering a wide range of activities covering all development areas. Pre-school education for ages 2 upwards

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Shropshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£130,940	£107,922	-	-
2024-04-05	£71,806	£62,124	-	-
2023-04-05	£51,850	£51,953	-	-
2022-04-05	£65,093	£57,712	-	-
2021-04-05	£75,304	£67,632	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christie Kros		2024-10-03
JANE MOORHOUSE		
Karen Wynn		2024-05-02

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Ellesmere Ducklings Pre-school Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 7th October 2025- 7.00 p.m.

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Apologies
- Ducklings Report
- Any Questions?
- Treasurers Report
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- Election of Committee 2025 - 2026
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The last year saw us follow our favourite three learning themes. **Autumn term**- Eat a rainbow. **Spring term**- Bird watch and care for them. **Summer Term**- Bees and their friends

Autumn term 2025 Started off with the highest intake of children we have ever had in the Autumn term in our 30 years. Sessions were full to capacity from the first week, this was due mainly to the Government funding for working families being introduced for children aged two and over. But after settling in we enjoyed the late summer sunshine and as always attempted to eat as many colourful fruit, vegetables, and salads, as in the rainbow.

Spring term 2025 Sadly due to high volume of children already registered with us we were unable to take on any new children, causing frustration and disappointment for their families. But it was the same with every nursery in the area. We joined in with the RSPB national Big Bird watch weekend, looking for Robins, Blackbirds, and Blue tits.

Summer term 2025 We celebrated our Honeybees and their importance to our world. After much saving we were at last able to engage a contractor to remove our old dying grass area and replace it with our much longed for artificial grass. As you can see outside it is absolutely amazing, your children now have all year round access to every area of their play space.

The coming school year

We will be again following our three learning themes and will be looking to replace our very old outdoor play house and the glass in the windows panes where it has blown.

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Jess Yeomans, mother of Elsie Yeomans and David Gaweda, Father of Neve Gaweda expressed an interest in Ducklings Committee work but did not feel that either wanted to progress further at this time.

There were no suggestions, issues or comments raised by any Ducklings registered families

There were also no other nominations for official positions, so Ellesmere Ducklings Committee will be re elected for the coming school year 2025 – 2026
So our committee will be:

Chairperson – Christie Kros

Secretary – Karen Wynn

Treasurer – Karen Humphreys

Staff representative – Jane Moorhouse

**Ellesmere Ducklings
Business Details
For The Year Ended 5 April 2025**

**Proprietor
Business**

Mr Ellesmere Ducklings Pre School Group
Ellesmere Primary School
Elison Road
Ellesmere
SY12 9EU

Accountants

Alderoak Accountancy Services Limited
The Oaks
Alderton
Montford Bridge
Shrewsbury
SY4 1AP

**Ellesmere Ducklings
Accounts Approval Statement
For The Year Ended 5 April 2025**

I approve these unaudited accounts which comprise a Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and related notes.
I acknowledge my responsibility for the accounts including the provision of all the information and explanations necessary for the completion.

Signed


Mr Ellesmere Ducklings Pre School Group
3rd October 2025

**Ellesmere Ducklings
Accountant's Report
For The Year Ended 5 April 2025**

As described in the approval statement, you have approved these accounts for the period ended 5 April 2025 set out on the following pages. We have prepared the accounts from the accounting records, information and explanations provided to us.

3rd October 2025
Alderoak Accountancy Services Limited
The Oaks
Alderton
Montford Bridge
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SY4 1AP

Ellesmere Ducklings
Profit and Loss Account
For The Year Ended 5 April 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Turnover		
Council fees	115,047	39,387
Parent fees	15,387	27,860
Other income received	490	4,559
	130,924	71,806
Other Income		
Bank interest receivable	16	6
	<u>130,940</u>	<u>71,812</u>
Expenditure		
Wages and salaries	76,929	50,514
Employers pensions - defined contributions scheme	2,498	38
Staff training	132	493
Light and heat	1,309	757
Electrical checks & repairs	553	62
Cleaning	1,070	2,021
Property repairs	16,956	912
Resources - children	749	806
Food supplies	1,871	832
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	639	282
Insurance	934	2,358
Printing, postage and stationery	843	482
Telephone	120	120
Accountancy fees	806	748
Professional fees	50	1,414
Sundry expenses	2,463	285
	<u>107,922</u>	<u>62,124</u>
NET PROFIT	23,018	9,688

**Ellesmere Ducklings
Balance Sheet
As At 5 April 2025**

	Notes	2025	2024	
		£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank and in hand		39,994	16,976	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>39,994</u>	<u>16,976</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>39,994</u>	<u>16,976</u>	
NET ASSETS		<u>39,994</u>	<u>16,976</u>	
CAPITAL ACCOUNT				
Balance at 6 April 2024		16,976	7,288	
Profit/(Loss) for the period/year		23,018	9,688	
Balance Carried Forward		<u>39,994</u>	<u>16,976</u>	

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Autumn term 2023 started off happily as our new friends settled in and we enjoyed the late sunny weather in our outdoor classroom. Ofsted inspection was carried out in November and due to a missed paperwork reference our overall outcome was very disappointing. The paperwork was sorted immediately, within the same week, and after amazing support from last years parents we were ready for our re-inspection.

Spring term 2024 saw Ofsted back with us for our re-inspection and this time we received a much happier overall inspection report of Good.

Also, after saving hard and very kind donations from local businesses we were able to have our old leaking roof, that had seen many temporary repairs replaced. We are now warm, safe and dry for the winter ahead.

Summer term 2024 started very sadly with Dawn Hutchinson one of Ducklings play leaders for 20 years deciding it was time for her to hang up her paintbrush and retire. It was with a very heavy heart that we accepted her decision, but on a positive note it meant that we were able to invite 2 new staff to join us. After applications, visits and interviews we were delighted that both Libby Howell and Jamie-Lee Warburton accepted their job offers to join the Ducklings team as Playleaders. We wish them every happiness with us.

The coming school year

We feel it will take time for our new staff to settle in and for us all to build a new Ducklings working family and so we are hoping for a quiet, happy settled year.

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- Treasurers Report
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- Election of Committee 2024-2025
- Adoption of Constitution

- Any other business

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Accounts Approval Statement
For The Year Ended 5 April 2024**

I approve these accounts which comprise a Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and related notes and confirm that I have made available all relevant records and information for their completion.

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Mr. Ellesmere Ducklings Pre School Group
4th September 2024

**Ellesmere Ducklings Pre School Group
Accountant's Report
For The Year Ended 5 April 2024**

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4th September 2024
Alderoak Accountancy Services Limited
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Ellesmere Ducklings Pre School Group
Profit and Loss Account
For The Year Ended 5 April 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Council fees		39,387		35,643
Parent fees		27,860		16,160
Other income received		4,559		47
		71,806		51,850
Other Income				
Bank interest receivable		6		-
		71,812		51,850
Expenditure				
Wages and salaries	50,514		42,389	
Employers pensions - defined contributions scheme	38		120	
Staff training	493		270	
Light and heat	757		751	
Electrical checks & repairs	62		1,475	
Cleaning	2,021		1,212	
Property repairs	912		400	
Painting & decorating	-		794	
Tree	-		300	
Resources - children	806		629	
Food supplies	832		831	
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	282		305	
Insurance	2,358		-	
Printing, postage and stationery	482		396	
Telephone	120		335	
Accountancy fees	748		30	
Professional fees	1,414		1,329	
Sundry expenses	285		387	
		62,124		51,953
NET PROFIT		9,688		(103)

**Ellesmere Ducklings Pre School Group
Balance Sheet
As At 5 April 2024**

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Bank accounts		16,976		7,278	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			16,976		7,288
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			16,976		7,288
NET ASSETS			16,976		7,288
CAPITAL ACCOUNT					
Surplus brought forward			7,288		7,391
Profit/(Loss) for the period/year			9,688		(103)
Balance Carried Forward			16,976		7,288

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Ellesmere Ducklings Pre-school Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 26th September 2023 - 7.30 p.m.

Agenda

- **Welcome, introductions and apologies**
- **Ducklings report**
- **Any questions?**
- **Financial report**
- **Any questions?**
- **Election of The Committee 2023-2024**
- **Adoption of The Constitution 2023-2024**
- **Any questions, suggestions or comments?**

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The Autumn term started off quietly with numbers low and we managed with Ducklings existing staff but as spaces filled up for the Spring and Summer terms we need to increase staff for 17 hours a week and Liz Devismes joined us for those two terms.

This Autumn term we could initially only offer 3 hours a week and as this was not enough for Liz we needed to look elsewhere. Kirby kindly offered to step in and as new children have joined since the start of the term we now need her to cover 9 hours a week.

The coming school year

At this present time we have one particular pressing matter and that is our roof, which is prone to leaking, not always, it does seem to depend on which way the rain is blowing. We have had someone pop up to take a look and make temporary repairs and the verdict is that it needs re-roofing. A VERY rough estimate is that it is going to be a several thousand-pound job. It is a job that needs doing sooner rather than later and I would hope we have sufficient funds for the work to be carried out during the summer holidays of 2024.

The other big event of the coming year is that we are expecting Ofsted to come and see us. It will be 6 years since their last visit so I imagine we are on this year's list.

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Profit and Loss Account
For The Year Ended 5 April 2023**

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Other Income		
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Expenditure		
Wages and salaries	42,389	
Employers pensions - defined contributions scheme	120	
Staff training	270	
Light and heat	751	
Electrical checks & repairs	1,475	
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NET LOSS		<u><u>(103)</u></u>

**Ellesmere Ducklings Pre School Group
Balance Sheet
As at 5 April 2023**

	Notes	2023	
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank current account		7278	
Bank reserve account		10	
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NET ASSETS			<u><u>7,288</u></u>
CAPITAL ACCOUNT			
Surplus brought forward			7,391
Profit/(Loss) for the period/year			<u>(103)</u>
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Jane Maerhase.

Dawn Hutchinson

Martie Grew

Kirsty Ford

Tanya Smirnova

Danielle Yale

Joanne Cumberly

Karen Wynn

Gemma Bloorfield

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- Annual report
- Questions
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Thank you for your support

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Annual report

It has been a mostly quiet, settled year with thankfully no COVID closures this school year.

We followed our termly themes

Bird watch – In the Spring term

Bees and their garden bug friends – During the Summer term

I can eat a Rainbow – This Autumn term

always planning activities and experiences to encourage, support and promote children's, and their families, lifelong healthy eating habits, healthy hygiene routines and a love and care of our world.

The summer term brought one exciting piece of news – Christie would not be rejoining us for the coming school year as she would be too busy with her new arrival, and in August a beautiful baby girl Sienna Rose was welcomed into her family. Congratulations from all x

One sad news - Ali Lee playleader with Ducklings for 20 years decided it was time to move onto a new challenge in her life and so at the end of the summer term in July we said a very sad goodbye to her. She will be so missed by us all x

This leaves us with a staff of only three now and this is something that will need to be addressed during this coming term.

THANK YOU to both of them for all their hard work and support over not only the last year but for all their Ducklings life. Christie will hopefully be back with us soon.

It was identified that Ducklings premises were in need of some repairs, so this summers holidays saw a flurry of activity

The perimeter fence needed new post and some re-grounding

Two panels on the entrance porch needed replacing

A very big Thank you to Carl Wynn for undertaking these tasks

Ducklings building needed painting, as did the 3 outdoor play sheds and the repaired fence

These have all now been done

Our garden tree is badly in need of some reducing and Tim Lander is very kindly going to sort this for over the coming weeks.

All that remains now is for me to say a very big THANK YOU to the committee and remaining staff who have supported both myself and Ducklings throughout the last year. Together we make a small, BUT excellent team that provides the quality early years care that Ducklings is known and loved for x

Ellesmere Ducklings Pre-School Group
Accounts for the year ended 5 April 2022

	£	£
Opening Nat West Bank Account Balance @ 06/04/2021		20,100.70
<u>Income</u>		
Fees	19,666.00	
Shropshire County Council	21,519.22	
HMRC - Job Retention Scheme Grant	3,100.32	
Donation	707.56	
	<hr/>	44,993.10
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		65,093.80
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Wages	51,571.37	
Light and Heat	194.49	
Toys, Books and Craft	443.01	
Food	506.89	
Postage, Stationery and Advertising	293.34	
Telephone	499.80	
Cleaning	1,579.49	
Subscriptions	220.00	
Insurance	1,939.03	
Repairs and Renewals	154.70	
Sweatshirts and T-Shirts	215.50	
Audit Fee	30.00	
Sundry Expenses	64.98	
	<hr/>	57,712.60
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Closing Nat West Bank Account Balance @ 05/04/2022		7,381.20
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Ellesmere Ducklings Pre-School Group Accounts for the year ended 5th April, 2022

I have examined the books, vouchers and documents relating to Ellesmere Ducklings Playgroup and in my view the account gives a true and fair view of its transactions for the year ended 5th April 2022 and of the balances in hand as of that date.

Signed Karen Edwards **Date** 9/18/2022

Name of Independent Auditor: Karen Edwards, ACCA
22 Lower Minster
Wrexham
LL12 7PT

Note in respect of the audit of the Accounts

1. There are 3 items of expenditure totalling £530 with no receipts:
May 21 - CH3 £100 Equipment purchase
July 21 - CH17 £360 LEA re food
Dec 21 - CH37 £70 Repairs

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Annual General Meeting: Autumn 2021

This is the term when we would normally hold our Annual General Meeting to form a committee to support and oversee your Pre-school for the coming school year.

Unfortunately, due to the continuing concern over the Covid 19 Pandemic, we have made the safety first decision to cancel it for this year. We have a risk assessment plan in place to allow only children, one family member and staff attending that day access into the building to ensure, as best as we can, a Covid free safe environment and feel it would be reckless of us to allow additional people into the playroom where your child will play the next day. A short report is provided below, to what turned out to be a very strange year.

Chairperson and Managers report

Autumn term: The start of the new school year was quite a different one, with us all having to get used to hand gel, masks, enhanced cleaning and limited numbers to ensure safe bubbles. We luckily managed to stay Covid free, with only a few of our families having to undertake PCR testing that always thankfully returned a negative result. BUT despite all the challenges we still managed to enjoy many happy days and experiences together

Spring term: The Covid 19 Pandemic was starting to spread into the second wave and we again closed our doors and were unable to re-open them until mid march, for 4 weeks before the Easter holidays, when we welcomed back those that chose to return.

Summer term: Was an unusually quiet for us, as some families preferred to keep their little one safe at home, but for those of us who were here, we enjoyed fun in the sun.

Committee for 2019 – 2020

Chairperson – Martine Grieve

Secretary – Karen Wynn

Treasurer – Karen Humphreys

Staff representative – Jane Moorhouse

Committee member – Tatiana Smirnova

All above members are happy to remain in their current positions for the coming year 2021 – 2022 And for that we offer them a huge big **THANK YOU** for their continued support through these difficult times, **BUT** if you are interested in one of the roles or would like to join our committee, please talk to Karen who is outdoors at the start and end of every session for further information and advice on how to join.

Our accounts that have been independently audited; if you would like a copy of the report please ask.

Attached is a YOUR CHANCE page, please fill in if you would like to and return to Ducklings.

Your chance to have your comments, thoughts and any concerns raised

Are there any comments or questions you would like to ask about Ducklings?

Do you have any thoughts, suggestions or ideas on the services we provide?

Chairman and Manager report

Are there any concerns you would like to raise?

Thank you; Ellesmere Ducklings Committee and Staff

Committee for 2021 - 2022

Added 1st October 2021

There have been NO comments, thoughts or concerns raised over the last month.

There has been NO interest shown in joining Ellesmere Ducklings Committee and so the present committee will remain in their elected positions for the year 2021-2022.

Karen Humphreys

1.10.2021

Ellesmere Ducklings Pre-School Group
Accounts for the year ended 5 April 2021

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Opening Nat West Bank Account Balance @ 06/04/2020		12,428.02
<u>Income</u>		
Fees	11,791.10	
Shropshire County Council	43,882.84	
HMRC - Job Retention Scheme Grant	19,630.01	
	<hr/>	75,303.95
		<hr/>
		87,731.97
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Wages	60,396.16	
Light and Heat	1,218.00	
Toys, Books and Craft	380.15	
Food	307.76	
Postage, Stationery and Advertising	403.97	
Telephone	484.95	
Cleaning	1,026.97	
Subscriptions	220.00	
Insurance	1,913.47	
Repairs and Renewals	591.71	
Audit Fee	60.00	
Personal Protective Equipment	399.01	
Sundry Expenses	229.12	
	<hr/>	67,631.27
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Signed



Date

18/9/2021

Name of Independent Auditor: Karen Edwards, ACCA

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Note in respect of the audit of the Accounts

1. There is 1 item of expenditure £7.99 with no receipt (CH7)