

# ST GABRIELS PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1036707

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1994-04-20

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS

**Activities:** St Gabriel's Playgroup offers day care for children between 2 and 4 years old five days a week.

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- West Sussex

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£114,209	£144,596	-	-
2024-07-31	£131,225	£130,072	-	-
2023-07-31	£150,675	£112,306	-	-
2022-07-31	£83,317	£99,033	-	-
2021-07-31	£123,996	£93,122	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Gary Lavender</b>	Chair	2024-05-20
Geraldine Todman		2026-01-29
Linda Nicholl		2026-01-29
Pauline Bone		2026-01-29
Rhianna Lavender		2024-11-05

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## Trustees Report

### Playgroup Objectives for September 2024– July 2025

To provide quality sessional day-care for children aged between 2 and 5 years old.

### Trustees for the year 2024 – 2025

Chairperson – Gary Lavender  
Treasurer – Emma Barnes     Rhianna Lavender  
Secretary – Kelly Barwis     Prudence Nash  
General - Aimee Higgin

3 trustees resigned from the committee in July 2025, and new ones were appointed.

### Publicity for the year

Billingshurst Show carnival in June. Used parents truck and support.

### Visitors

We had visits from the local community, fire persons, electrician, plumbers. We saw the salesman from Nexus who came with resources for the children to try, Purely Sports came on a Wednesday each week and all registered children were invited.

### Academic Year

Unfortunately, due to the inadequate Ofsted outcome last May, meant that we have lost all new West Sussex Early Years funding, until we get back to Good. This has had a great effect on our finances for this year, and we have lost children on our waiting list. Luckily, we were full in the Summer term and we were very careful with expenditure, but still lost £30,000 of our reserves.

We worked hard, all staff and committee to bring us back to our good standards, which we achieved Good in October. Flexible hours for coming and going into our pre-school, which goes down very well with parents, we have built on our numbers, and we now have 36 children on our books, with 12 going to school in September.

We have helped parents who work and are eligible for 30 hours free childcare.

We concentrated on promoting good behaviour and communication. Our outside area has been used every day, making the most of our fantastic surroundings.

All children were supported at home too, they were sent home with learning packs and activities, some of our children borrowed resources from our playgroup to play with at home if they needed them.

We had special activities to help with school readiness and transition in the summer term, where all children had a chance to join in with these. All children achieved their outcomes, parents were very pleased with their children's progress. Our commitment is to make sure that all children in our care move onto school fully happy.

### Committee

Our governing body have been fully committed this year, we had had great problems getting through the process of getting them verified.

### Practitioners

I would like to thank my team, for their continued commitment and support. It has again, been a very difficult year with the extra commitment to get back to Good Ofsted which we did in October 2024.

### Parents / Carers

We welcome parents to visit us at any time. We have had outings with Parents / Carers, Nativity, Christmas Party Week. We produce regular newsletters and encourage Parents / Carers to contribute to the planning, hold regular correspondence with Parents / Carers, and promote access to the learning journals.

We are maintaining our quality improvement plan throughout this year.

Gary Lavender, Chairperson, St. Gabriel's Playgroup.



## Receipts and payments accounts for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

### Receipts and payments from playgroup activities

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2023/24</b>
Free Entitlement Fees	108679.12	113475.40
Private Fees	5530.50	17749.75
Fundraising	0.00	0.00
Sundry	0.00	0.00
	<u>114209.62</u>	<u>131225.15</u>

### Payments

Wages/Pension	123843.58	108062.25
Child resources	523.80	7138.81
Mobile Phone/Internet		
Insurance	815.21	783.47
Fundraising	0.00	0.00
Rent	10106.40	11575.20
Resources	9257.37	1862.62
Ofsted	50.00	50.00
Training		600.00
	<u>144596.36</u>	<u>130072.35</u>

### Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024

<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025</b>	<b>to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024</b>
Cash at Bank	81964.50	112417.47
Exit Account	140.58	140.58
Cash in Hand	623.14	556.91
Net Current Assets	<u>82728.22</u>	<u>113114.96</u>

### Represented by Reserve

Receipts and payments	-30386.74	1152.80
Surplus from prior year	113114.96	111962.16
<b>Reserves Carried Forward</b>	<b>82728.22</b>	<b>113114.96</b>

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St. Gabriel's Playgroup, Billingshurst.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St. Gabriel's Playgroup for the year ended 31 July 2025.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

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I report in respect of my examination of the playgroup'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the playgroup as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: 

Name: S.A. PAVIS

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

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Date: 02/02/26

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## Trustees Report

### Playgroup Objectives for September 2022– July 2023

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### Trustees for the year 2022 – 2023

Chairperson – Ian Lusted  
Treasurer – Donna French  
Secretary – Sara Nicholl  
General - Tracy Evans  
General - George Nicholl

There were no resignations from the committee of trustees during the year 2022 – 2023.

### Publicity for the year

Billingshurst Show carnival in June. Used trolleys and a parents van.

### Visitors

We had no visitors from the local community, due to still being under Covid rules. We saw the salesman from Nexus who came with resources for the children to try, Purely Sports came on a Wednesday each week and all registered children were invited.

### Academic Year

We worked hard, all staff and committee to maintain our good standards. Flexible hours for coming and going into our pre-school, which goes down very well with parents, have built on our numbers, and we now have 34 children on our books, with 22 going to school in September. We have helped parents who work and are eligible for 30 hours free childcare. We concentrated on promoting good behaviour and communication. Our outside area has been used every day, making the most of our fantastic surroundings.

All children were supported at home too, they were sent home with learning packs and activities, some of our children borrowed resources from our playgroup to play with at home if they needed them.

We had special activities to help with school readiness and transition in the summer term, where all children had a chance to join in with these. All children achieved their outcomes, parents were very pleased with their children's progress. Our commitment is to make sure that all children in our care move onto school fully happy.

### Committee

Our governing body have been fully committed this year, trying to carry on with virtual meetings or phone meetings. I thank our Committee for the fantastic job they have done, and their enthusiasm held no bounds. Gifts, and donations have helped us buy new resources during this financial and safeguarding difficulty during Covid 19 rules still applying until the middle of June, and help the playgroup keep child friendly. We had an unannounced Ofsted Inspection at the end of term, and unfortunately we were given R.I.

### Practitioners

I would like to thank my team, for their continued commitment and support. It has again, been a very difficult year with the extra commitment to keeping safe during the Covid 19 rules, and we now have a lot of work to achieve good again next year.

### Parents / Carers

We normally welcome parents to visit us at any time, and help, read a story or help with the computer. We hope next year will be better, when we are told we need to live with Covid 19. We have had outings with Parents / Carers, Nativity, Christmas Party Week, and managed to still socially distant meet up in the summer holidays. We produce regular newsletters and encourage Parents / Carers to contribute to the planning, hold regular correspondence with Parents / Carers, and promote access to the learning journals.

We have had WSCC managers meetings all year, online, and we are maintaining our quality improvement plan throughout this year.

Ian Lusted, Chairperson, St. Gabriel's Playgroup.



## Receipts and payments accounts for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

### Receipts and payments from playgroup activities

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2021/22</b>
Free Entitlement Fees	139713.29	73837.26
Private Fees	10962.50	9286.25
Fundraising	0.00	193.80
Sundry	0.00	0.00
	<u>150675.79</u>	<u>83317.31</u>

### Payments

Wages/Pension	92204.39	78001.65
Child resources	1737.83	6578.91
Mobile Phone/Internet		410.00
Insurance	577.31	520.67
Fundraising	0.00	0.00
Rent	11893.20	12425.00
Stationary	558.02	
Every day resources	3205.97	460.46
Ofsted	87.19	50.00
Nexus resources	833.74	
Training	354.00	450.00
Furniture	854.42	136.80
	<u>112306.07</u>	<u>99033.49</u>

### Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023</b>	<b>to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022</b>
Cash at Bank	111536.97	72718.98
Exit Account	140.58	140.58
Cash in Hand	284.61	732.88
Net Current Assets	<u>111962.16</u>	<u>73592.44</u>

### Represented by Reserve

Receipts and payments	38369.72	15716.18-
Surplus from prior year	73592.44	89308.62
<b>Reserves Carried Forward</b>	<b>111962.16</b>	<b>73592.44</b>

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Signed: 

Name: SARANI AVIS

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 3 MUSTANG CLOSE FORD ANUNDEL BN18 0TF

Date: 03/09/23

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## Trustees Report

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### Trustees for the year 2021 – 2022

Chairperson – Ian Lusted  
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General - George Nicholl

There were no resignations from the committee of trustees during the year 2021 – 2022.

### Publicity for the year

We re joined the Billingshurst Show carnival in June after a Covid break.

### Visitors

We had no visitors from the local community, due to Covid. During the brief time when restrictions were lifted, the salesman from Nexus came with resources for the children to try, Purely Sports came on a Wednesday and Thursday each week and all registered children were invited.

### Academic Year

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### Committee

Our governing body have been fully committed this year, trying to carry on with virtual meetings or phone meetings. I thank our Committee for the fantastic job they have done, and their enthusiasm held no bounds. Gifts, and donations have helped us buy new resources during this financial and safeguarding difficulty during Covid 19 rules still applying, and help the playgroup keep child friendly.

### Practitioners

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### Parents / Carers

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Ian Lusted, Chairperson, St. Gabriel's Playgroup.



## Receipts and payments accounts for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022

### Receipts and payments from playgroup activities

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>
Free Entitlement Fees	104852.85	73837.26
Private Fees	11098.45	9286.25
Fundraising	8044.90	193.80
Sundry	0.00	0.00
	<u>123996.20</u>	<u>83317.31</u>

### Payments

Wages/Pension	78599.55	78001.65
Child resources	3654.97	6578.91
Mobile Phone/Internet		410.00
Insurance	456.64	520.67
Fundraising	0.00	0.00
Rent	8985.20	12425.00
Stationary		
Milk and Fruit	408.36	460.46
Ofsted	50.00	50.00
Advertising		
Training	600.00	450.00
Sundry	367.20	136.80
	<u>93121.92</u>	<u>99033.49</u>

### Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022

<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021</b>	<b>to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022</b>
Cash at Bank	89124.59	72718.98
Exit Account	140.58	140.58
Cash in Hand	43.45	732.88
Net Current Assets	<u>89308.62</u>	<u>73592.44</u>

### Represented by Reserve

Receipts and payments	30874.28	15716.18-
Surplus from prior year	58434.34	89308.62
<b>Reserves Carried Forward</b>	<b>89308.62</b>	<b>73592.44</b>

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Signed: 

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Date: 28/02/23

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## Trustees Report

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### Trustees for the year 2020 – 2021

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There were no resignations from the committee of trustees during the year 2020 – 2021.

### Publicity for the year

All events were cancelled due to Covid 19.

### Visitors

We had no visitors from the local community, due to Covid. During the brief time when restrictions were lifted, the salesman from Nexus came with resources for the children to try, Purely Sports came on a Wednesday and Thursday each week and all registered children were invited.

### Academic Year

We worked hard, all staff and committee to maintain our good standards. Flexible hours for coming and going into our pre-school, which goes down very well with parents, have built on our numbers, and we now have 32 children on our books, with 20 going to school in September. We have helped parents who work and are eligible for 30 hours free childcare. We concentrated on promoting good behaviour and communication. We have had free flow even in the horrendous weather. Our outside area now reflects the inside, making more of our fantastic surroundings. All children were supported at home, we had an online story page for our families, and children were sent home learning packs and activities, some of our children borrowed resources from our playgroup to play with at home if they needed them. We had up to 15 children with us most days in the start of the summer term, when most children came back and we helped them with school readiness. All children achieved their outcomes, parents were very pleased with their children's progress. Our commitment is to make sure that all children in our care move onto school fully happy.

### Committee

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## Receipts and payments accounts for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021

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<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2019/20</b>
Free Entitlement Fees	104852.85	99915.73
Private Fees	11098.45	4309.10
Fundraising	8044.90	1404.92
Sundry	0.00	0.00
	<u>123996.20</u>	<u>105629.75</u>

### Payments

Wages/Pension	78599.55	68222.44
Child resources	3654.97	3954.36
Mobile Phone/Internet		250.00
Insurance	456.64	442.48
Fundraising	0.00	239.00
Rent	8985.20	8205.80
Stationary		27.00
Milk and Fruit	408.36	416.29
Ofsted	50.00	50.00
Advertising		72.00
Training	600.00	150.00
Sundry	367.20	122.10
	<u>93121.92</u>	<u>82151.47</u>

### Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021

<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021</b>	<b>to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020</b>
Cash at Bank	89124.59	58254.37
Exit Account	140.58	140.58
Cash in Hand	43.45	39.39
Net Current Assets	<u>89308.62</u>	<u>58434.34</u>

### Represented by Reserve

Receipts and payments	30874.28	23478.28
Surplus from prior year	58434.34	34956.06
<b>Reserves Carried Forward</b>	<b>89308.62</b>	<b>58434.34</b>

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