

Annual Report Burniston & Cloughton Playschool 2023/24

Children, staff and committee overview:

Children: 26 registered

Staff:

Mrs Walker – manager

Mrs Cox – Deputy and SEN officer

Mrs Marshall – practitioner

Mia Floris – apprentice practitioner

Karen Magson – supply assistant

Committee Members;

Claire Turnbull – Treasurer

Becky Hazard – secretary

Jo Vickerman - Health & Safety & fundraising

Jo Taylor

Sarah Hoff

Kate Townsend

As Chair of the Playschool Committee, it is my pleasure to present the annual report for the year 2023/24. It has been another exciting and enriching year for our playschool, full of learning, fun, and community engagement. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the staff, parents, and community members who have made this year such a success but most of all to the wonderful children who make playschool a special place to be.

Below is an overview of the key activities, events, and developments that have shaped the year.

Curriculum and Learning Themes This year:

The children explored a variety of engaging topics that fostered creativity, curiosity, and developmental growth. Each topic provided opportunities for hands-on learning, play, and imagination.

Farm: The children enjoyed learning about farm animals and life on a farm, supported by a visit from a local farmer who brought in lambs and sheep for the children to meet.

Stickman (one of my favourites!): We explored the popular story "Stickman," encouraging the children to create their own stick characters and follow along with the adventures.

Space: A highlight of the term was the journey into space! where the children learned about planets, stars, and astronauts.

Growing: planting seeds and learning about the life cycle of plants. The children were fascinated by how things grow with water, sunlight, and care.

Dinosaurs: Dinosaurs always capture the children's imagination, and this topic was no different. From fossils to Herbivores and Carnivores, this was a firm favourite.

Fairytales: Classic tales allowed the children to step into magical worlds, inspiring storytelling and role play.

Celebrations

Celebrating special occasions helps foster a sense of belonging and community. This year, the playschool marked several memorable celebrations:

Bonfire Night: The children created firework art and enjoyed a safe and fun talk about fireworks.

Christmas: A highlight for all was our Christmas celebrations, which included making decorations decorating and a festive party.

Mothers' Day & Father's Day: The children made thoughtful cards to show their appreciation for their parents / caregivers.

Easter: We held an Easter egg roll on the grounds near playschool, one of our annual traditions.

Children in Need & Red Nose Day: We raised awareness for both of these fantastic causes, with the children participating in fun activities.

Community Events

We were delighted to participate in several community events, strengthening our ties with local organizations and schools:

Cober Hill Christmas Star Competition: The children decorated stars for this annual competition.

Lindhead School Christmas Play: We attended this local school's Christmas play, which was a great opportunity for our children to see older students performing.

Staintondale Easter Egg Competition: Several of our children entered this fun competition, and we were thrilled to see their creative efforts recognized.

Ravenscar Village Show - Painting Competition: The children contributed to the painting competition, showcasing their artistic talents.

Sports Day: Our annual Sports Day brought together children and families for a day of fun, with races, games, and plenty of cheering!

Visits and Visitors

We were fortunate to have a range of enriching visits and visitors this year, which greatly enhanced the children's learning experiences:

Visit to Church and Local Vicar: The children visited the church and were warmly welcomed by Chris, our local vicar, who spoke about the importance of community and kindness.

Farm Nativity Visit: A trip to the farm for a special Nativity performance was a highlight, helping to bring the story of Christmas to life for the children.

Farmer Visit with Lambs and Sheep: The children were thrilled to meet real farm animals, learning about how they are cared for and their role in farming.

Photographer: We welcomed a professional photographer to capture wonderful photos of children

Playdale Farm: The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Playdale Farm, where they interacted with various animals and explored the farm environment.

Infant Feeding, Family Diet, and Nutrition Team: The team visited to discuss important topics such as tooth decay prevention and healthy eating habits for young children.

Parent Engagement and Online Support

We also continued our commitment to supporting parents with valuable resources and learning opportunities. This year, we shared several online SALT (Speech and Language Therapy) courses with parents, covering essential topics such as:

Eating and drinking safely

Picky eaters and food avoidance

Stammering support and strategies

These resources helped to empower parents with practical advice and tools to support their children's development at home.

Staff Updates

We have seen some changes in our wonderful staff team this year: Korin Hutton left us in April to take a position closer to home. We are grateful for her contributions and wish her the very best in her new role. Mia Floris joined us in September as an apprentice, and she has quickly become an invaluable member of the team. Karen Magson has continued to provide excellent support as a supply assistant, stepping in wherever needed to ensure smooth operations.

Conclusion

2023/24 has been a fantastic year for our playschool. The children have thrived in an environment that fosters curiosity, creativity, and community spirit. We are deeply grateful to our dedicated staff and committee members, supportive parents, and the local community for their continued support, involvement, and enthusiasm.

After a number of wonderful years I am stepping down as chairperson and so this will be my last report as I prepare to hand over to a new chair, whom I know you will all give a very warm and supportive welcome to. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve in this capacity, watching the playschool grow and flourish while being part of such a supportive and dedicated community. A heartfelt thanks goes to the dedicated team, especially those long serving members Mrs Josie Marshall, Mrs Cathy Cox and to the wonderful Mrs Liz Walker who truly make playschool such a safe and special place for our children to be. Your dedication makes all the difference, and I am truly grateful.

With best wishes

Tom Maxwell

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Maxwell', enclosed within a rectangular box defined by a horizontal line on the left and a vertical line on the right.

Date 14/10/24

BURNISTON AND CLOUGHTON PLAYGROUP

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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GENERAL INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

TRUSTEES: Mrs J Hartley (chairperson)
Mrs R Hazard (secretary)
Mrs C Turnbull (treasurer)
Mrs S Hoff
Mrs J Taylor
Mrs K Townsend
Mrs J Vickerman

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ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT AND CLIENT APPROVAL CERTIFICATE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Accountant's Report

In accordance with the instructions given to us we have prepared without carrying out an audit the annexed financial statements from the accounting records of Burniston and Cloughton Playgroup and from information and explanations supplied to us.



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Date: 23/9/2025

Client Approval Certificate

We approve the financial statements and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Signature: 

Name: Claire Turnbull - on behalf of Burniston and Cloughton Playgroup

Date: 18.09.2025

BURNISTON AND CLOUGHTON PLAYGROUP

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Fees		12,749		11,700
Funding				
Early Years Entitlement	21,241		32,641	
2 Year Olds	21,465		1,124	
3 and 4 Year Olds	36,264		52,731	
Additional Funding	<u>550</u>		<u>476</u>	
		79,520		86,972
Fundraising and Grants		1,669		841
Bank Interest Received		<u>495</u>		<u>480</u>
		94,433		99,993
Expenses:				
Food and Provisions		2,338		2,484
Equipment and Resources		3,850		6,420
Direct Staff Costs		67,586		73,018
Pensions		1,244		1,418
Supply Costs		334		413
Rent		2,612		2,450
Water Rates		432		462
Gas		909		737
Electricity		1,464		1,225
Training		869		625
Telephone and Broadband		543		529
Postage		24		46
Insurance		1,342		1,280
Repairs and Renewals		1,729		5,680
Cleaning and Pest Control		2,418		2,296
Computer Expenses		390		523
Miscellaneous		1,441		1,696
Accountancy and Payroll		1,010		978
Bank Charges		74		85
Depreciation of Equipment		758		730
Depreciation of Fixtures and Fittings		<u>1,045</u>		<u>1,160</u>
		(92,412)		(104,255)
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year		<u><u>2,021</u></u>		<u><u>(4,262)</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>				
<u>Equipment</u>				
Opening Balance	5,871		3,360	
Additions	279		3,241	
Less Depreciation	<u>(758)</u>		<u>(730)</u>	
		5,392		5,871
<u>Fixtures and Fittings</u>				
Opening Balance	10,434		6,459	
Additions	-		5,135	
Less Depreciation	<u>(1,045)</u>		<u>(1,160)</u>	
		9,389		10,434
 <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
Debtors and Prepayments	2,136		1,795	
Petty Cash Float	100		100	
Bank Current Account	24,284		21,836	
Bank Reserve Account 87695480	31,331		30,900	
Bank Reserve Account 47567309	<u>4,586</u>		<u>4,522</u>	
		62,437		59,153
 <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>				
Creditors and Accruals	<u>2,571</u>		<u>2,832</u>	
		(2,571)		(2,832)
		<u>74,647</u>		<u>72,626</u>
 <u>RESERVES</u>				
Opening Balance		72,626		76,888
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year		2,021		(4,262)
		<u>74,647</u>		<u>72,626</u>



WALKER & Co.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

23 October 2025

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Dear Sirs,

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Burniston and Cloughton Playgroup

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act;

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.

John Richard Flinton ACA FCCA