



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/24 (Period start date)

To 31/08/25 (Period end date)

Charity name: The Lenches Pre-school

Charity registration number: 1043885

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The aims of the Pre-school are 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 and by:</p> <p>(a) offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, family learning and extended hours groups, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of such groups, ensuring that such groups offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability;</p> <p>(b) encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local areas;</p> <p>(c) instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.</p>
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	<p>The Lenches Pre-school primarily operates during the school term time whilst offering holiday clubs to support families with childcare during the school holidays.</p> <p>We follow the EYFS statutory Framework to offer child led play and activities in order to support learning and development in children under 5 years old to prepare them for their onward learning journeys to School.</p> <p>The provision has a strong emphasis on outdoor learning, once again we have been able to continue to offer Forest school sessions and</p>

		<p>Curiosity Corner (an outdoor learning facility supporting many areas of the EYFS).</p> <p>This year we obtained a small grant and fundraised to establish a Wellness facility over at Church Lench First School for joint use and focussed on supporting childrens wellbeing.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Lenches Pre-school confirms that its' trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the charity commission on public benefit.

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	
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	<p>The Lenches Pre-school ended the academic year (July 2025) with ?? staff members and ?? children on role.</p> <p>Looking ahead to the start of September 2025 Pre-school has ?? children on role.</p> <p>?? children started school in September 2025.</p> <p>?? went to Church Lench First School.</p> <p>Proving popular last year, we increased Forest school sessions to twice weekly. Forest school continues to be popular with both children and staff.</p>

		<p>We invited parents/carers along to participate in a Forest school session. It was a great turnout with all children attending having one of their family members joining the session.</p> <p>We establish a Wellness facility over at Church Lench First School for joint use, focussed on supporting children's wellbeing. The facility has a new log cabin for shelter, areas designated to quiet and active sensory play, quiet reflection and similar activities that support children's wellbeing. It was established by a previous parent and committee member.</p> <p>We offered Funic sessions each Wednesday for the whole of the year, delivered by 20 years plus experienced Early Years Teacher Rachel Hartless. Funic very much supports, develops and prepares children predominantly going to school in September for 'school readiness'. Funic focusses on developing all areas of EYFS.</p> <p>We further established Curiosity Corner – a section of land adjacent to where we operate. Containing Mud Kitchens, water play, tyres, mark making, balancing, climbing all whilst being outside supporting children's development in EYFS.</p> <p>For another year, local community member Jenny regularly read and did short activities with the children. Supporting the wider community links and intergenerational working.</p> <p>At Christmas we had a visit from Santa. Held a disco fundraiser.</p> <p>The children enjoyed a trip to Little Owl Farm. We continued to improve links with the local school CLFS, supporting children's transition to school with regular visits.</p> <p>All contributing to building a positive relationship with the local school. Towards the end of the summer term we yet again saw some more staff changes including the Manager. We welcomed new Manager Emma Dyer.</p> <p>On 14th July 2025 we had an unexpected visit and inspection by OFSTED who graded our provision 'GOOD'. It was a pleasure to be able to share our provision with the inspectors and have them see for themselves what we offer children and families.</p> <p>OFSTED July 25 <i>"Providing hands on learning</i></p>
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		<i>that promotes curiosity, wellbeing and love of nature”.</i>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The following is from last years report and needs changing:</p> <p>Much improved on last 3 year losses, a profit of £5121 with the following restrictions.</p> <p>£3000 is restricted funds from a grant and £1k is donation towards funding a Wellness Garden at CLFS for joint use with the school.</p> <p>£651 is restricted for any future planning application necessary to secure Curiosity Corner.</p> <p>Meaning an actual profit of £470.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Lenches Pre-school is a member of the Early Years Alliance whos' guidance suggest holding reserves of at least 3 months operating costs. We aim to retain 4 months operating costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	??
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any	Para 1.23	

uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern		
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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	Government Nursery Education Funding and Parent fees.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Pre-school Alliance model Constitution 2011
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association with the Early Years Alliance
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	Election at AGM as per Governing Document

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Lenches Pre-school
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1043885
Charity's principal address	Church Lench Village Hall Church Lench Evesham WR11 4UE

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)
Tina Benbow	Chairperson	28/10/24 – July 2025	
Daisy Percival	Chairperson	July 2025 – October 25	
Nicola Coote	Treasurer	28/10/24 – 01/09/25	
Jo Beasley	Secretary	28/10/24 – October 25	
Laura Phipps		28/10/24 – October 25	
Keri Ford		28/10/24 – October 25	
Charlotte Robinson		28/10/24 – October 25	
Lisa Randall		28/10/24 – July 25	
Sarah Bufton		28/10/24 – July 25	
Jess Tomkinson		28/10/24 – October 25	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

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	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Emma Dyer - Manager

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Daisy Percival

??

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairperson

Treasurer

Date



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The Lenches Pre-School

1043885

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/09/2023

To

31/08/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Income - NEF	96,679	-	-	96,679	54,145
Income - Parent fees (inc holiday club)	26,409	-	-	26,409	21,619
Income - Not categorised	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	371	-	-	371	1,527
Donations	1,040	-	-	1,040	1,234
Outings / Experiences	460	-	-	460	135
Grant	4,000	-	-	4,000	5,000
Interest	514	-	-	514	502
Sundry	-	-	-	-	398
Wellness garden surplus	1,161	-	-	1,161	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	130,635	-	-	130,635	84,560
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	130,635	-	-	130,635	84,560
A3 Payments					
Cost of Staff	96,501	-	-	96,501	59,212
Staff training	264	-	-	264	342
Rent & Insurance	12,405	-	-	12,405	12,352
Phone	-	-	-	-	-
Consumables	3,086	-	-	3,086	1,381
New equipment	812	-	-	812	1,650
Outings / Experiences	7,630	-	-	7,630	372
Professional fees	2,671	-	-	2,671	1,564
Uniform	146	-	-	146	46
Marketing	22	-	-	22	107
Fundraisin expenses	-	-	-	-	90
Fee reimbursement	-	-	-	-	273
Grant Expenditure	8,365	-	-	8,365	2,000
Sub total	131,902	-	-	131,902	79,389
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	131,902	-	-	131,902	79,389
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,267	-	-	- 1,267	5,171
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	37,285	-	-	37,285	50,582
Cash funds this year end	36,018	-	-	36,018	55,753

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	3,620	-	-
	Reserve Account	5,294	-	-
	30 Day Notice Account	24,282	-	-
	Total cash funds	33,197	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

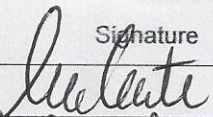
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	N Coote	25.11.25
Daisy Percival	D. Percivil	27.11.25



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: **THE LENCHES PRE SCHOOL**

On accounts for the year
ended

2025

Charity no
(if any)

1043885

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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:

A.W.J. James

Date:

24 October 2025

Name:

A.W.J. JAMES

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

C.P.F.A

Address:

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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.

The Lenches Pre-School

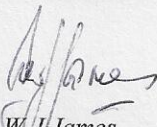
To Whom it may concern

Review of the Pre-School Accounts

On receipt of the electronic spreadsheet, vouchers, books and bank statements I:

- a. Traced balance brought forward.
- b. Traced selection of monies received to cash and cheques recorded in cash book for the months of November, February and March.
- c. Traced selection of payments to cash book for the months of October and April.
- d. Checked balances at 31st August 2025 are represented in the accounts and the bank statements.
- e. Verified Receipts and Payments Account were accurate.
- f. Confirmed that the spreadsheet is backed up regularly, a separate record is maintained and that the financial statement is used for reporting to the chair and committee.

Reliance is placed on the spreadsheet for arithmetic accuracy and the preparation of the Trial Balance and Balance Sheet.


A W J James
October 2025