

AMBER PRESCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1047724

Details

Other names	AMBER PLAYGROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1995-07-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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: PROVIDING PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION TO CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 2 AND 5 YEARS.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE -- HORSHAM
- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£103,145	£79,748	-	-
2024-03-31	£82,246	£66,758	-	-
2023-03-31	£99,441	£78,987	-	-
2022-03-31	£100	£47,000	-	-
2021-03-31	£39,000	£50,000	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Philip Smallridge	Chair	2026-05-11
Arwel Davies		2026-05-11
Chris Bleach		2026-05-11

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Date: 14-07-2025
Time: 16.15pm

Amber Pre-School
Profit and Loss

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From: Month 1 April 2024
To: 15th March 2025

Chart of Accounts

Amber Pre-School

Income	<u>Period</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Fees from Parents		£10,303.19
Fees from WSCC		£90,971.11
Vouchers		£ 1,871.26
TOTAL INCOME:		£103,145.56
FUNDRAISING BALANCE		£945.74
Cheques Paid in		£0.00
TOTAL		£945.74
Expenditure		
Wages		£66,860.40
Rent		£9,044.47
Mobile & IPad/Laptop/Website		£458.50
Ofsted		£50.00
DBS Checks		£17.18
Cleaning and Hygiene		£39.96
Fundraising Sports Day		£300.00
Staff Uniform + ID Cards		£269.76
Insurance – PLA		£630.00
Staff Online Training Costs		£299.00
Supplies		£1,248.73
Staff Gifts and Thank You's		£312.00
Milk		£0.00
Moneysoft LTD (wage calculator)		£108.00
Flu Jabs		£43.90
Farm Trip		£189.00
Tables		£267.00
Tapestry		£162.00
Bank Charges		£72.00
	TOTAL:	£79,748.00

COMMUNITY SAVINGS ACCOUNT

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5th July 2025

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Amber Preschool Accounts**Current and Fundraising Acc.**

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From: Month April 9th 2023

To: Month March 8th 2024

<u>Income</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Fees from Parents inc. F.School		£13,886.26
Fees from WSCC		£62,846.46
Vouchers		£5,513.44
TOTAL INCOME:		£82,246.16
Fundraising Account Balance		£945.74
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Wages (inc. Forest school)		£49,259.88
Rent		£8,618.57
HMRC		£4,414.87
Phone/website		£421.99
Ofsted		£50.00
Dads Day		
Training/Courses/DBS		£156.60
Gifts/Thank you's		£780.00
Supplies and refreshments		£133.88
Charges		£110.38
Computing/ink/Stamps		£151
WS county Fund		£189.00
Fundraising Xmas		£0.00
Amazon		£1,325.20
Advertising/Lanyard cards/Uniform		£0.00
Tapestry		£150.00
Early Years Alliance		£754.18
Refunding fees		£132.24
Milk		£9.05
Extras/Misc		£11.50
Christmas Meal		£89.70
		66,758.04
<u>Money in</u>		
Amazon Refunds		£191.53
Website Refund		£52.80
Cash		£945.00
<u>Total in:</u>		£1,189.33
<u>Amber Acc. Balance</u>		£70,160.83
<u>Fundraising Acc. Balance</u>		£304.84

Community Savings Acc Balance

For:

Redundancy

£13,000

Astro Turf/ Maintenance

£10,000

(To be reviewed next year)

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Amber Pre-School AGM Meeting Main Hall, Scout Hut 9.15am,
12.06.2023

Attendees

Julie Ward
Ceri Turner
Emma Stocker
Cheryl Smith
Nadia Ross

Minutes

1. Welcome

Julie welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Rosalind Bivand
Caitlin Twaites
Stephanie Ward

3. Minutes of the last meeting were read through and no issues were raised.

4. Chairpersons report

See attached

5. Financial administrators report

See attached

6. Staff report

As no 4 of these minutes

7. Administrators report

As no. 4 of these minutes

8. Stand down of current offers and committee

All stood down

9. Election of new officers and committee

Chair - Julie Ward (proposed by Ceri and seconded by Emma)
Vice Chair – Stephanie (proposed by Emma and seconded by Julie)
Secretary - Emma Stocker (proposed by Julie and seconded by Nadia)
Treasurer - Rosalind Bivand (proposed by Julie and seconded by Emma)
Fundraising Nadia Ross
 Cheryl Smith

10. Date of next meeting

September TBC date

11. Any other business

Nearly New Sale was mentioned – fundraising team to follow up.

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Income

Period

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Charges

Computing/ink/Stamps

Cleaning

Fundraising Xmas

Amazon

Advertising/Lanyard cards/Uniform

Tapestry

Early Years Alliance

Refunding fees

Pensions Fine

Outings

Craft/Toys/ipads/Posters

Money in

Photo commission

Refund

Cash

Gift from parent (much loved)

Total in:

Amber Acc. Balance

Fundraising Acc. Balance

Community Savings Acc Balance

For:

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(To be reviewed next year)

Current Account and Fundraising Account

Year to Date

£19,156.26
£76,704.44
£3,580.40

£99,441.10

£591.34

£55,580.96
£11,468.10
£4,982.14
£353.98
£50.00
£20.00
£878.88
£56.68
£291.57
£136.75
£1,091
£45.83
£0.00
£215.68
£987.00
£134.40
£635.56
£495.60
£400.00
£811.00
£352.47

Total:

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£18.50
£7.82
£1,131.40
£334.21

£1,491.93

£97,583.59
£591.34

£23,720.25

£13,000

£10,000

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We are now doing a Monday and a Friday morning as our Forest School/Amber Ant Club Day – Fees for these sessions are separate from the Amber fees.

We have been inundated with new children and we are having to put them on a waiting list especially for our Forest Schools I am very pleased to say we now have 35 children with 9 leavers.

The staff have all worked hard to ensure that parents and the children receive professional and high quality care. We are very fortunate at Amber to have a good staff team, who all do a magnificent job.

Our Ofsted Inspection will now be due in 2022/23 and we hope to continue with a 'Good'.

We are delighted to have our Sports Day and Father's morning; and we can go ahead with our Leaver's Ceremony.

We have and we did a children's tombola at Sports Day and at Christmas we did an outdoor fair which we raised over £400.00 to purchase outdoor equipment.

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Vouchers		£1,053.58
FUNDRAISING BALANCE		£533.50
Cheques Paid in		£692.00
TOTAL		£38,404.42
Expenditure		
Wages		£37,641.59
Rent		£6,639.75
Mobile & IPad		£264.00
Ofsted		£50.00
Forest School		£780.00
DBS Checks		£0.00
Play/Equipment/ink/paper/print		£639.23
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Staff Uniform		£15.00
Insurance – PLA		£646.86
Staff Online Training Costs		£100.00
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Moneysoft LTD (wage calculator)		£86.40
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