



Report 2024/25

The elected Duckling's Trustees were Sandra McConnell-Tait (Chair), Dee Gomm (Treasurer), Daphne Tyler (Secretary), Julie Welsh and Deborah Ingram.

The team at Ducklings continued to be led by Deborah Ingram as Manager, supported by Jenny Roberts as her Deputy. Heather Culmer as Administrator and Lead Practitioner, Emily Brand as SEN and Lead Practitioner, Helen Woodland and Joanna Perry both Nursery Practitioners. During this year Melissa Kiff left Ducklings.

We offer places in the morning session to children who have turned 2 years and 9 months, and in the afternoon session to children who have turned 2 years. Once children reach 3 years they are able to access a full day session.

During the year the number of children on our roll increased until the summer term our afternoon sessions became very busy.

We continued with our termly themes, during the Autumn term we learnt about ourselves, how we grow, our families and where we live. We also explored nature during the autumn season, collecting the leaves and using Eye Spy tick charts.

In the Spring term we learnt about all sorts of transport, travelling on airplanes from our airport, creating trains, cars and boats all out of boxes. We then thought about all the people who help us, and turned our home corner into a vets.

Finally, in the Summer term we went around the world, from France to Japan, learning how to greet each other in different languages. Learning about different cultures, what food they eat and landmarks. We also learnt about different creatures, from mini-beasts to wild animals, pets and birds of the air and fish in the sea.

We continued to enjoy our outside space throughout the year, with lots of sports, gardening, picnics and much more.

Sandra McConnell-Tait, Chair of Ducklings Management Committee

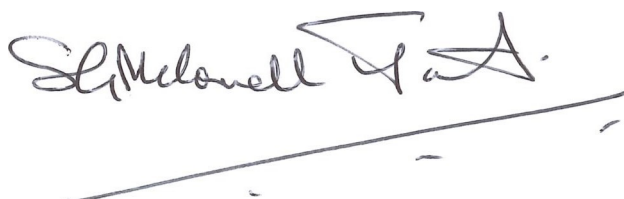
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We shared our Sports Day with Sarratt School's Reception Class, this proved a success for both classes, giving the children the opportunity to experience being part of the school. We continue to forge links with the school, and regularly use the school hall for PE.

We held our annual Nativity in the Ducklings class room to a packed audience of parents and family, the children rose to the occasion and put on a magnificent performance. We also celebrated Christmas with a party, and were visited Mr Marvel and Father Christmas.

At the end of the year we held our Graduation Ceremony for the children who were leaving Ducklings and moving on into Reception.

As a charity, Ducklings does not aim to make a profit, but reinvests any profit into the running the nursery and funding it's activities. Unfortunately, this year there was a small loss of £11,421 and our cash assets are now £76,614.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'S. McConnell Tait', with a long horizontal line drawn underneath.

**Sandra McConnell-Tait**

**Chair of Sarratt Ducklings Management Committee**

**5<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Sandra McConnell-Tait, Chair of Ducklings Management Committee

5 March 2026

**Registered Charity number**  
1048712

**SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL**

**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**Year ended 31 August 2025**

## SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

### Schedule to the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Prior period Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Receipts and Payments Account</b>				
Fundraising publicity	-	-	-	-
Payments for generating funds	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

### Charitable payments

#### ***Charitable activities***

Costs of goods and services	8	-	8	175
Costs of classroom activities	2,047	-	2,047	1,519
Jubilee expenses	-	-	-	-
Display boards	-	-	-	-
Garden boxes	-	-	-	-
Equipment	252	-	252	607
Staff costs	111,538	-	111,538	97,782
Rent payable	11,001	-	11,001	6,334
Training costs	224	-	224	1,282
Children's milk & groceries	853	-	853	1,270
	125,923	-	125,923	108,969

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### Schedule to the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Prior period Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Receipts and Payments Account</b>				
<b><i>Support costs</i></b>				
Computers	-	-	-	-
Insurance	3,362	-	3,362	999
Telephone & fax	1,731	-	1,731	1,588
Postage	-	-	-	-
Stationery & printing	1,204	-	1,204	1,288
Subscriptions & licences	576	-	576	997
Maintenance	210	-	210	801
Advertising & PR	-	-	-	-
Website support	24	-	24	288
Sundry expenses	499	-	499	603
Microwave, pushchair	-	-	-	-
	7,606	-	7,606	6,564
<b><i>Management and administration</i></b>				
Independent Examiner's fee	408	-	408	384
Other accountancy fees	1,091	-	1,091	1,194
Registration fees (OFSTED,DBS)	130	-	130	235
	1,629	-	1,629	1,813
	135,158	-	135,158	117,346

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### Receipts and Payments Account

**Donations, legacies etc**

Donations	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

**Operating activities to further the charity's objectives**

Local Authority Grants	105,099	-	105,099	99,353
Sarratt Parish Council Grant	2,500	-	2,500	-
Charities Trust Grant	-	-	-	-
	107,599	-	107,599	99,353

**Operating activities to generate funds**

Fund raising events	-	-	-	-
Fees charged	14,179	-	14,179	17,836
Luncheon club receipts	-	-	-	-
Sale of goods	-	-	-	88
	14,179	-	14,179	17,924

**Investment income**

Deposit interest	1,959	-	1,959	2,124
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**Other income**

Milk refunds	-	-	-	-
	1,959	-	1,959	2,124

**Gross income**

Other receipts (not counting as Gross Income)	-	-	-	-
Overpayments recovered	-	-	-	-

<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>123,737</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>123,737</b>	<b>119,401</b>
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## SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 August 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Prior period Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Cash Assets</b>				
Lloyds TSB Bank current account	30,877	1,146	32,023	45,402
COIF Charity Fund	44,675	-	44,675	42,717
Petty Cash	- 84	- -	84 -	84
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<u>75,468</u>	<u>1,146</u>	<u>76,614</u>	<u>88,035</u>
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>				
Debtors - Insurance prepaid	2,052	-	2,052	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>2,052</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,052</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Independent Review	429	-	429	408
Payroll, PAYE & NI	373	-	373	-
Rent	3,667	-	3,667	3,667
<b>Total</b>	<u>4,469</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,469</u>	<u>4,075</u>

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Sandra McConnell  
Chair

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	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Prior period Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Receipts and Payments Account</b>				
Donations, legacies and similar income	-	-	-	-
Operating activities to further charity's objectives	107,599	-	107,599	99,353
Operating activities to generate funds	14,179	-	14,179	17,924
Investment income	1,959	-	1,959	2,124
<b>Gross Income</b>	123,737		123,737	119,401
Other receipts (not counting as gross income)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	123,737	-	123,737	119,401
<b>Payments</b>				
Payments for generating funds	-	-	-	-
<b>Charitable expenditure</b>				
Charitable activities	125,923	-	125,923	108,969
Support costs	7,606	-	7,606	6,564
Management and administration of the charity	1,629	-	1,629	1,813
<b>Total Payments</b>	135,158	-	135,158	117,346
<b>Net Receipts/(Payments)</b>	- 11,421	- -	11,421	2,055
<b>Cash funds brought forward</b>	88,035		88,035	85,980
<b>Cash funds carried forward</b>	76,614	-	76,614	88,035



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Sarratt Ducklings Pre-School

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31.08.2025

**Charity no**

1048712

**Set out on pages**

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**Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent  
examiner's statement**

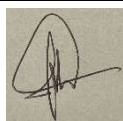
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**



**Date:**

03.03.2026

**Name:**

Justin Smith-Milne

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

FCCA  
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

**Address:**

23 Church Street,  
Rickmansworth

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A

