ASHTON VALE PRE SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1049791

Details

Other names	ASHTON VALE PLAYGROUP, ASHTON VALE PRE-SCHOOL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1995-10-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 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:(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;(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;(C) INSTIGATING AND ADHERING TO AND FURTHERING THE AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE.

Activities: Provide day care for children from the age of two to school age within Ashton Vale community. Operates in accordance with OFSTED and other regulatory offices and provides a curriculum based on the early years foundation stage.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE ASHTON VALE
- Bristol City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£283,192	£264,637	-	-
2023-08-31	£259,202	£460,590	-	-
2022-08-31	£304,088	£262,922	-	-
2021-08-31	£283,654	£267,902	-	-
2020-08-31	£300,559	£264,928	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Charlotte Fry	Chair	2023-01-31
Emily Hamill		2025-02-27
Emma Farwig		2025-06-16
Hayley Branson		2016-09-01
Laura Moore		2018-01-29
Natalie Sparnon		2025-02-27
Ye Ting Kuan		2025-02-27

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Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1049791

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

for

Ashton Vale Pre-School

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

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.

Provide day care for children from the age of two to school age within Ashton Vale community. Operates in accordance with Ofsted and other regulatory offices and provides a curriculum based on early years foundation stage.

Significant activities

Staff & Apprentices

Ashton Vale Pre-School operates within Ashton Vale Church. Having restructured in 2022, completion in 2023; the Pre-School uses 4 'inside zones [including the canopy painting area]' for the children, with a great outdoor space and a quiet staff room. The Pre-School can offer space for up to 54 children a day, across two academic year groups. Each room provides a range of experiences and opportunities for the children to participate in.

The Pre-School started the year with 9 practitioners working with the children day-to-day. Hayley stepped into the Head of Setting role, with Lynne retiring in December after a fantastic 25 years of hard work. Lynne's presence is felt in all the Pre-School continues to achieve as the ethos and collective aims shine through. Chloe remained on Maternity Leave, after the birth of her beautiful son. Rosie passed her apprenticeship in January 2023, and ventured on to a private Nursery, at the end of March where she could gain greater experience of child care. Deb continues to support children with SEND alongside Summer, who has been a great champion for the SEN provision on offer. All of the children make excellent progress.

As always, a big thank you to our parents, and the practitioners for helping Ashton Vale Pre-School, become who we are.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
Events and outings for the year

October
Photographer - Our professional photographers from Jefferson studios visited us again and they donated £59.00

November
Children in Need - Practitioners organised fun events during the week alongside the more serious issues of the meaning of Children in Need. Our theme this year was spots and playing lots of Pudsey related games - even holding a talent show, and we raised a total of £52.11.

December
Christmas Productions - This year we performed for the parents. Playgroup were able to perform a lovely Christmas concert in the Church and Nursery performed one morning for their parents. All productions were enjoyed by the parents and the children loved showing off their singing and acting skills dressed in their new nativity costumes.

Christmas Party - We were able to provide an in-house Christmas lunch and a 'big Christmas party' for our Nursery children, we cooked a Christmas dinner and provided entertainment in the Pre-School. We were fortunate to have a visit from Father Christmas and all children were presented with a Christmas wrapped picture book.

March
World Book Day - As always, the children enjoyed lots of activities focused on their favourite books and especially the mix up sessions where nursery and playgroup came together to carry out the activities.

The children enjoyed finding out about Comic Relief throughout this month with lots of red nose day activities and a mix up session where all children were invited to attend and encouraged to 'dress funny for money'. All practitioners had lots of fun dressing up as Grannies. As a pre-school we raised and donated £45.90 to Comic Relief.

Annual Fundraiser:
It worked so well last couple of years we decided to do it all over again. All the children were invited to take part in our sponsored 30 challenges. The challenges proved very popular, 10 set by the Pre-School, 10 set by the key person and 5 to do at home with the family along with 5 set by the PMC. This year we raised a massive £2,644.09.

We also celebrated Holi week which the PMC kindly donated £151.30 towards so the children could make their own colourful T-shirts to keep.

July
The PMC organised another lovely Family Fun Day at the local playing fields this month with the support of the staff. Everyone brought a picnic and there were lots of fun activities on offer for the children such as sports games, parachute, glitter tattoos, ice-cream and story sacks. There was a cake sale, a couple of mascots for entertainment and a raffle.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

We also received £34.00 commission from My Name Tags thanks to the orders placed by parents.

July
We were able to take our nursery children on a fantastic day trip to Bristol Zoo Project again this year. It was a lovely day out. The PMC kindly covered the expense of the coach travel to and from the Zoo and the entrance fee. The children enjoyed seeing bears and giraffes and finding out about different habitats around the world, they had a picnic lunch.

Parents were invited to our leaver's ceremony which we decided to hold outdoors again, and we were lucky with the weather - just holding off long enough. The children performed songs and, what has become, the annual tearjerker "When I Grow Up" before receiving their final learning journeys, and the much-loved Beat Baby, as well as a 'hug' from their key person. The playgroup children received their learning journeys in their new book bags and a visit from ZooLab as well as a hug. The year was completed with a farewell party, with the children enjoying, pizza and pasta, jelly and ice cream and lots of fun.

Holiday Clubs throughout the year have continued to be popular. We ran the clubs in October 2023, December 2023, February 2024, Easter 2024, May 2024, and August 2024, which allowed for lots of fun trips out, including the Aquarium and We the Curious.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising activities

A total of £3,600.94 was raised for the Pre-School this year and £1,359.29 spent, bringing the total in the account at £9,516.50 which will be used for revamping the garden and hopefully adding some larger physical activity resources.

The PMC raised money by hosting social events for parents to meet and children to enjoy time together outside of the setting. The PMC have joined the community centre hub events to help raise money:

November 2023 Hub raised £25.00 holding a crafting stall.

February 2024 Hub raised £23.70 selling cakes.

April 2024 - PMC held a Spring Family event at the local community centre where they had a spring hunt, made crafts and sold cakes; and managed to raise £170.49.

July 2024 - The annual PMC Family Fun Day raised £300.64. A brilliant amount helped by one family in particular donating a fabulous £80.00!

New equipment

This year the Pre-School has purchased new resources to support the changes to the rooms:
This year the Pre-School has purchased new resources to support the changes to the rooms:

" Accessory items for the new classroom and corridor
" Accessory items to enhance the side canopy area
" New play resources and plants for the small sensory garden
" Wild Place - Transport

The PMC agreed to all the added resources & changes and the Pre-school has yet again been transformed! The children and practitioners are enjoying using the new areas and having the extra resources to enhance the children's learning.

Ofsted Inspection - 30.06.2023

The Pre-School received a 'Good' outcome when they were inspected by Ofsted in September 2023 and wonderful comments regarding leadership, expectations, practitioners, and the children, well done to all concerned. We were overwhelmed with the wonderful testimonials from our parents.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Quality Assurance

The Bristol Standard Quality Assurance/reflection plans have been put into place during the year and all practitioners were involved in assessing and monitoring the targets set as well as going forward with the new Outdoor pathway for September 2024, which will include the benefits to the children of the outdoor space of the Pre-School. We will also look at the 'bitesize' Bristol Standard priority to focus on one area in greater detail.

Partnership Working

The Pre-School have continued their excellent partnership with the community, and especially local schools, with the Reception teacher visits going very well.

Transitions to Primary Schools were wonderful, most Primary School Reception teachers took up the offer of visiting at Pre-School and we continued to use the school's websites to deliver information and share the child's journey to reception. Where we could, practitioners supported children in their new schools and provided enhanced transitions for those children with SEN. We did yet again run a very successful transition program for our playgroup children attending our nursery class in September 2023. We ran 4 morning sessions again so that the children had a great time meeting their new groups and key person.

As previously mentioned, the Church members and the Pre-School have been working together to look at the future of both organisations in using the Church buildings. The changes made to the Pre-School have already had a positive effect on the children and staff and the Church members are still enjoying having sole use of their space.

The Pre-School led a project to install a community defibrillator; having researched and made initial links, both the Community Centre and Church were on board for a joint venture. The Pre-School arranged a second training day for the local members of Ashton Vale to attend to learn how to use the defibrillator.

The Pre-School is working in partnership with a parent to build a sustainable drainage system which we secured a small grant to help with.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Note from the PMC - Another fantastic year has passed for the Pre-school and it's been lovely hearing about all the different changes, modifications and additions which make the pre-school an even better place for the children to explore, play, smile and thrive as they grow and develop. The parent committee always feel totally included within all decisions and feel valued to share their thoughts and suggestions. Overall, the PMC can tell the pre-school is in a great place with a fantastic senior leadership team, practitioner team, parents/carers and of course the children.

We have enjoyed some lovely community events, highlights for the year include:

Working with the local community centre and family hub events to create social events for all children and their families. A fantastic trip to The Wild Place, plus celebrations and activities for Children in Need, World Book Day, Comic Relief and the annual sponsorship challenge week to name a few. At Christmas the PMC gave each child a Christmas card containing a small chocolate coin.

Our summer event was a super way to finish the pre-school year and the weather was perfect for all our families, friends and practitioners to join in the fun at the local playing fields. It was lovely to see all the children enjoying the sports activities, joining in with songs and stories, showing off their glitter tattoos and dancing with the mascots. The smiles continued with the arrival of the ice cream van and the raffle was a big hit. The raffle prizes were a great team effort from the PMC and this shows in the donations received and the funds raised for the pre-school. We could not hold the summer family fun day without the help of Rusty, who opens his part of the Parson Street football team bar which allows us to have access to toilets and refreshments. The children thanked Rusty with a homemade card which he displays in the bar for all to see.

It's been another strong start for the playgroup children, all of whom are settling in wonderfully and creating strong bonds with their respective key workers. As always it is great to see so many faces moving on to the nursery class, from playgroup and new faces too. Another huge positive and reflection of the fantastic staff and pre-school is that the pre-school fill every space offered and waiting lists are created for children already attending to do more hours and application forms are submitted ready for the next pre-school year.

The setting has faced a small number of staff changes, all challenges have been dealt with swiftly and there is a great team in place offering enrichment and structure to all children in the setting.

At the beginning of the year, we all agreed with the help of our new 'fundraising champion' that events would be planned in advance so that we have a calendar year ready with social events and activities to prepare and plan for. This has worked really well as we now hold informal meetings to attract new parents/carers and family social events, which also include the local community. The PMC have also started a newsletter of their own which highlights the work of the PMC and how families have supported the events held and what the fundraising money will go towards, also to advertise future events. We will now start planning celebrations for 2025, bringing the families and community together in support of our wonderful preschool.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to several committee members this year as their children have now moved on to primary school, but we hope that an informal meeting for this coming academic year will see new parents showing an interest in the PMC and we look forward to expanding the team and coming up with new ideas.

We look forward to another great year for the Pre-School.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1049791

Principal address
Ashton Vale Church
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Trustees
L Moore
H Branson
Z Key (resigned 27.2.25)
J Young (resigned 27.2.25)
E Farwig-Jones
O Djalo Jalo (resigned 27.2.25)
C Fry
Ms N Sparnon (appointed 27.2.25)
Ms E Hamill (appointed 27.2.25)
Ms Y T Kuan (appointed 27.2.25)

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 1/6/25 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
C Fry - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Ashton Vale Pre-School

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashton Vale Pre-School
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ashton Vale Pre-School (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

P. S. Helps

Philip S Helps

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Date: 7 April 2025

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.8.24 Total funds £	31.8.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		265,740	-	265,740	246,753
Other trading activities	2	13,851	3,601	17,452	12,450
Total		279,591	3,601	283,192	259,203
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	3	263,278	1,359	264,637	460,537
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		16,313	2,242	18,555	(201,334)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		28,395	7,275	35,670	237,004
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		44,708	9,517	54,225	35,670

The notes form part of these financial statements

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Statement of Financial Position
31 August 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.8.24 Total funds £	31.8.23 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		44,708	9,517	54,225	35,670
NET CURRENT ASSETS		44,708	9,517	54,225	35,670
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		44,708	9,517	54,225	35,670
NET ASSETS		44,708	9,517	54,225	35,670
FUNDS	6				
Unrestricted funds				44,708	28,395
Restricted funds				9,517	7,275
TOTAL FUNDS				54,225	35,670

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
~~S Smith - Trustee~~

..... Charlotte Key 1/11/25
Z Key - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Fundraising events	5,290	2,371
Holiday club	9,702	8,466
Other income	2,460	1,613
	17,452	12,450

3. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Staff costs	219,969	274,448
Premises costs	17,020	17,050
Membership and Insurance	3,106	3,798
Telephone and internet	776	782
Consumables	7,765	6,653
Fees refunds	629	1,999
Support costs	14,013	152,149
	263,278	456,879

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

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5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	246,752	1	246,753
Other trading activities	10,877	1,573	12,450
Total	257,629	1,574	259,203
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	456,879	3,658	460,537
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(199,250)	(2,084)	(201,334)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	227,645	9,359	237,004
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	28,395	7,275	35,670

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	28,395	16,313	44,708
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	7,275	2,242	9,517
TOTAL FUNDS	35,670	18,555	54,225

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6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	279,591	(263,278)	16,313
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	3,601	(1,359)	2,242
TOTAL FUNDS	283,192	(264,637)	18,555

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	227,645	(199,250)	28,395
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	9,359	(2,084)	7,275
TOTAL FUNDS	237,004	(201,334)	35,670

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6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	257,629	(456,879)	(199,250)
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	1,574	(3,658)	(2,084)
TOTAL FUNDS	259,203	(460,537)	(201,334)

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	227,645	(182,937)	44,708
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	9,359	158	9,517
TOTAL FUNDS	237,004	(182,779)	54,225

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6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	537,220	(720,157)	(182,937)
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	5,175	(5,017)	158
TOTAL FUNDS	542,395	(725,174)	(182,779)

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2024.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	31.8.24 £	31.8.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	1,408	1,120
Fees received from parents	38,526	19,937
EYSFF Funding	225,260	225,452
Uniform Orders	546	244
	265,740	246,753
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	5,290	2,371
Holiday club	9,702	8,466
Other income	2,460	1,613
	17,452	12,450
Total incoming resources	283,192	259,203
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	219,969	274,448
Premises costs	17,020	17,050
Membership and Insurance	3,106	3,798
Telephone and internet	776	782
Consumables	7,765	6,653
Fees refunds	629	1,999
	249,265	304,730
Other trading activities		
Fundraising costs	1,359	3,658
Support costs		
Other		
Property refurbishments	-	126,233

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	31.8.24 £	31.8.23 £
Other		
Governance costs		
Other expenditure	4,314	10,877
Equipment and resources	9,561	14,546
Petty cash expenses	138	493
	14,013	25,916
Total resources expended	264,637	460,537
Net income/(expenditure)	18,555	(201,334)

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

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Objectives and aims

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Significant activities

Staff & Apprentices

After being told that the Church Hall would not be used by the Pre-School from September 2022, the Pre-School had no alternative but to reduce numbers and seek planning options for an outdoor classroom. An outdoor classroom was approved by Bristol City Council in January 2023 and building works began not long after. The inside rooms [3 meeting rooms plus a canopy] were redecorated and a lovely welcoming environment was created. The completion of the outdoor classroom in May 2023 allowed for two rooms to be added to the provision, an explorative, calm area for group work and a smaller area for 1:1 SEN working. We are so excited to make full use of the new spaces. The Pre-School initially were able to offer 40 spaces a day from September 2022 with an additional 12 offered with the new building which brings us to 52 childcare spaces a day with the option to use the staff room as a playroom if we need to expand to 60 places in the future.

The Pre-School now has 12 Practitioners working with the children day - to - day: Lynne remains head of setting and oversees all practice, offering her support along the way, Hayley works alongside her to learn and understand the managerial role. Two practitioners have been achieving their apprenticeships, with Laura completing her level 3 in May 2023. Kelly and Toni continue to make good progress with supporting children with SEN and we were sad to say goodbye to Vickie after such a short time, but she has made a return to swimming teaching. Summer returned to a SENDCo role in February 2023 and has been a positive boost for both the SEN provision and the team at Ashton Vale Pre-School. Chloe is due to begin Maternity leave in early September. Practitioners continue to extend their knowledge through training and share their learning with both the children and the rest of the team.

In June 2023, the Pre-School had an Ofsted inspection. All practitioners were fantastic, and the children were brilliantly behaved and Ashton Vale Pre-School were awarded a much deserved 'Good' outcome.

As always, a big thank you to our parents, and the practitioners for helping Ashton Vale Pre-School, become who we are.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
Events and outings for the year

November

Children in Need - Practitioners organised fun events during the week alongside the more serious issues of the meaning of Children in Need. One of the days the children came in dressed up for 'Children in Need' and donated £1.00 to the cause. this raised a total of £45.69.

Photographer - Our professional photographers from Jefferson studios visited us again and they donated £46.00 to us.

December

Christmas Productions - This year we performed for the parents. Playgroup were able to perform a lovely Christmas concert in the Church and Nursery performed on two evenings for their parents. All productions were enjoyed by the parents and the children loved showing off their singing and acting skills dressed in their new nativity costumes.

Christmas Party - We were able to provide an in-house Christmas lunch and a 'big Christmas party', we cooked a Christmas dinner for all the children and provided entertainment in the Pre-School. We were fortunate to have a visit from Father Christmas and all children were presented with a Christmas wrapped picture book. We also had a visit from ZooLab to entertain the children.

March

Children's Book Week - As always, the children enjoyed lots of activities focused on their favourite books and especially the mix up sessions where nursery and playgroup came together to carry out the activities.

Annual Fundraiser:
It worked so well last year we decided to do it all over again.
All the children were invited to take part in our sponsored 30 challenges, a big breakfast, and a fun 'Fitness Session'. The challenges proved very popular, 10 set by the Pre-School, 10 set by the key person and 5 to do at home with the family along with 5 set by the PMC. This year we raised a massive £1140.00.

The following week the Children enjoyed finding out about Comic Relief through lots of red nose day activities as well as dressing up as part of our Mr. Men and Little Miss theme, we raised and donated £25.46 to Comic Relief.

May

We had a lovely time with afternoon tea to celebrate the King's Coronation. Each child received a book about King Charles 3rd along with a commemorative bookmark.
June

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PMC planned to host another Family Fun Day at the local playing fields with the support of the staff. Unfortunately for the first year ever, the weather was not on side, but that didn't stop the children having a fab time. An obstacle course through the setting followed by a super entertainer and picnic lunch!

July

We were able to take our nursery children on a fantastic day trip to the Wild Place Project, [now Bristol Zoo Project]. It was a lovely day out. We used a coach this year to transport the children to and from Wild Place, so it was a much more relaxed day for both parents and staff.
We again adhered to the social distancing measures in place at the zoo and the children, yet again, were brilliant. The children enjoyed seeing bears and giraffes and finding out about different habitats around the world, they had a picnic lunch and were able to attend a workshop where they used different natural resources to make their own pictures.

Parents were invited to our leaver's ceremony which we decided to hold outdoors again however a very heavy downpour sent us running for cover and the celebration was completed in the Church. The children performed songs and, what has become, the annual tearjerker "When I Grow Up" before receiving their final learning journeys, Bookstart gift and the much-loved Beat Baby, as well as a 'hug' from their key person.
The playgroup children received their learning journeys in their new book bags and a beautiful sunflower pack to plant at home as well as a hug.

The year was completed with a farewell party, with the children enjoying, pizza and pasta, jelly and ice cream and lots of fun.

Holiday Clubs throughout the year have continued to be popular. We ran the clubs in October 2022, December 2022, February 2023, Easter 2023, May 2023, and August 2023, which allowed for lots of fun trips out.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising activities

A total of £1447.70 was raised for the Pre-School this year and £3532.31 spent, bringing the total in the account at £7274.85 which will be used for future specific projects once the outside playground has been built.

The PMC raised money by hosting social events for parents to meet and children to enjoy time together outside of the setting. The PMC have joined the community centre hub events to help raise money:

November 2022 Hub raised £41.50 selling cakes.

January 2023, winter social event for all families. PMC ran a mini disco with soft drinks, tea, coffee, biscuits, mulled wine and hot dogs, donations were received as this was a social event to get families together.

February 2023 Hub raised £18.80 selling cakes.

March 2023 Hub raised £23.05 selling cakes.

In May, the Pre-School raised £35.40 for the Dog's Trust, taking part in the Paw Patrol on a Stroll walk to school, and June 2023 saw £19 raised for Pyjamarama Book Trust.

The family fun day as mentioned above was cancelled due to bad weather. However, the PMC ran a raffle which raised £120.

New equipment

This year the Pre-School has purchased new resources to support the changes to the rooms:

" New furnishings for the staff room: desk, chairs, cabinet, and locker
" Accessory items for the new classroom and corridor
" Accessory items to enhance the side canopy area
" New play resources and plants for the small sensory garden
" Bikes - Bike Shed - Helmets
" Wild Place - Transport

The PMC agreed to all the added resources & changes and the Pre-school has yet again been transformed! The children and practitioners are enjoying using the new areas and having the extra resources to enhance the children's learning.

Ofsted Inspection - 30.06.2023

The Pre-School received a 'Good' outcome when they were inspected by Ofsted in September 2023 and wonderful comments regarding leadership, expectations, practitioners, and the children, well done to all concerned. We were overwhelmed with the wonderful testimonials from our parents.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Quality Assurance

The Bristol Standard Quality Assurance/reflection plans have been put into place during the year and all practitioners were involved in assessing and monitoring the targets set as well as going forward with the new pathway for September 2023, which will include the benefits to the children of the new environments of the Pre-school.

Partnership Working

The Pre-School have continued their excellent partnership with the community, and especially local schools, with the reintroduction of Reception teacher visits going very well. We were also fortunate to work with a wonderful specialist Speech and Language therapist throughout the year to support staff and children with special educational needs as well as working closely with other outside agencies such as the Bristol Autism Team.

In May 2021, we found that assessments for children on the ASD pathway as well as those with speech delays were taking up to a year for children to be seen in clinic. We decided as a setting that with a high number of children waiting to access these services we would buy in a speech and language therapist to support us with implementing key strategies. We used 3 hours a week for term 6 [June/July 2021] and decided that it would be beneficial to continue with traded SALT for the 2022-2023 academic year. We had a great Speech and Language Therapist who attended for 7 hours a fortnight and provided support for practitioners, reports for assessments, referrals as well as training and upskilling staff.

Transitions to Primary Schools were wonderful, most Primary School Reception teachers took up the offer of visiting at Pre-School and we continued to use the school's websites to deliver information and share the child's journey to reception. Where we could, practitioners supported children in their new schools and provided enhanced transitions for those children with SEN. We did yet again run a very successful transition program for our playgroup children attending our nursery class in September 2023. We ran 4 morning sessions again so that the children had a great time meeting their new groups and key person.

As previously mentioned, the Church members and the Pre-School have been working together to look at the future of both organisations in using the Church buildings. The changes made to the Pre-School have already had a positive effect on the children and staff and the Church members are enjoying having sole use of their space.

The Pre-School led a project to install a community defibrillator; having researched and made initial links, both the Community Centre and Church were on board for a joint venture. The Pre-School arranged a training day for the local members of Ashton Vale to attend to learn how to use the defibrillator.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Note from the PMC - Another wonderful year has passed for the Pre-school, it's been lovely hearing about the new space and seeing the positive effect this has had on the children in the setting and the staff.

We have enjoyed some lovely community events, highlights for the year include:

Opening the new classroom, linking with the local church and community centre to provide a defibrillator and training for the community, wonderful celebrations for the King's coronation, a fantastic trip to The Wild Place, plus celebrations and activities for Children in Need, World Book Day, Comic Relief and the annual sponsorship challenge week to name a few.

Our summer event was unable to be held in the playing field due to a very wet day. We were prepared for wet weather and the team at the pre-school immediately stepped up and implemented a plan B that saw lots of fun for the children with an indoor sports day and entertainer, it was such a shame that we were unable to celebrate with families, however the children had a wonderful day.

It's been another strong start for the playgroup children, all of whom are settling in wonderfully and creating strong bonds with their respective key workers. And great to see so many faces moving on to the nursery.

The setting has faced a small number of staff changes, all challenges have been dealt with swiftly and there is a great team in place offering enrichment and structure to all children in the setting.

We will now start planning celebrations for 2024, bringing the families and community together in support of our wonderful preschool.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to several committee members this year as their children have now moved on to primary school but we hope that an informal meeting for this coming academic year will see new parents showing an interest in the PMC and we look forward to expanding the team and coming up with new ideas.

We look forward to another great year for the preschool

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1049791

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Ashton Vale Church
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Ashton Vale Pre-School

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

Trustees
K Cox (resigned 31.1.23)
L Moore
H Branson
S Smith (resigned 31.1.23)
Z Key (appointed 19.10.22)
J Young
E Farwig-Jones
O Djalo Jalo (appointed 31.1.23)
C Fry (appointed 31.1.23)

Independent Examiner
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22/4/2024 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
S Smith - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Ashton Vale Pre-School

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashton Vale Pre-School
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ashton Vale Pre-School (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Stanley Joseph Limited

Philip S Helps

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Date: 24 April 2024

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.8.23 Total funds £	31.8.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		246,752	1	246,753	291,451
Other trading activities	2	10,877	1,573	12,450	12,637
Total		257,629	1,574	259,203	304,088
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	3	456,879	3,658	460,537	263,059
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(199,250)	(2,084)	(201,334)	41,029
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		227,645	9,359	237,004	195,975
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		28,395	7,275	35,670	237,004

The notes form part of these financial statements

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Statement of Financial Position
31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.8.23 Total funds £	31.8.22 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		28,395	7,275	35,670	237,004
NET CURRENT ASSETS		28,395	7,275	35,670	237,004
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		28,395	7,275	35,670	237,004
NET ASSETS		28,395	7,275	35,670	237,004
FUNDS	7				
Unrestricted funds				28,395	227,645
Restricted funds				7,275	9,359
TOTAL FUNDS				35,670	237,004

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22/4/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

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S Smith - Trustee

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Z Key - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Fundraising events	2,371	4,132
Holiday club	8,466	8,107
Other income	1,613	398
	12,450	12,637

3. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Staff costs	274,448	217,038
Premises costs	17,050	16,280
Membership and Insurance	3,798	3,225
Telephone and internet	782	596
Consumables	6,653	6,662
Fees refunds	1,999	1,872
Support costs	152,149	17,159
	456,879	262,832

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.

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5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.8.23	31.8.22
Teaching and schooling	-	12
Administration	-	1
	-	13

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	291,451	-	291,451
Other trading activities	9,753	2,884	12,637
Total	301,204	2,884	304,088
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	262,842	217	263,059
NET INCOME	38,362	2,667	41,029
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	189,283	6,692	195,975
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	227,645	9,359	237,004

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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	227,645	(199,250)	28,395
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	9,359	(2,084)	7,275
TOTAL FUNDS	237,004	(201,334)	35,670

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	257,629	(456,879)	(199,250)
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	1,574	(3,658)	(2,084)
TOTAL FUNDS	259,203	(460,537)	(201,334)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	189,283	38,362	227,645
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	6,692	2,667	9,359
TOTAL FUNDS	195,975	41,029	237,004

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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	301,204	(262,842)	38,362
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	2,884	(217)	2,667
TOTAL FUNDS	304,088	(263,059)	41,029

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	189,283	(160,888)	28,395
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	6,692	583	7,275
TOTAL FUNDS	195,975	(160,305)	35,670

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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	558,833	(719,721)	(160,888)
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	4,458	(3,875)	583
TOTAL FUNDS	563,291	(723,596)	(160,305)

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	1,120	1,608
Fees received from parents	19,937	39,031
EYSFF Funding	225,452	250,441
Uniform Orders	244	371
	246,753	291,451
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	2,371	4,132
Holiday club	8,466	8,107
Other income	1,613	398
	12,450	12,637
Total incoming resources	259,203	304,088
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	274,448	217,038
Premises costs	17,050	16,280
Membership and Insurance	3,798	3,225
Telephone and internet	782	596
Consumables	6,653	6,662
Fees refunds	1,999	1,872
	304,730	245,673
Other trading activities		
Fundraising costs	3,658	227
Support costs		
Other		
Property refurbishments	126,233	-

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Other		
Governance costs		
Other expenditure	10,877	7,228
Equipment and resources	14,546	8,873
Petty cash expenses	493	1,058
	25,916	17,159
Total resources expended	460,537	263,059
Net (expenditure)/income	(201,334)	41,029

ASHTON VALE PRE SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1049791

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1049791

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

for

Ashton Vale Pre-School

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Ashton Vale Pre-School

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

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Ashton Vale Pre-School

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

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.

Provide day care for children from the age of two to school age within Ashton Vale community. Operates in accordance with Ofsted and other regulatory offices and provides a curriculum based on early years foundation stage.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

Staff & Apprentices

The Pre-School were told by the Church members in May 2021 that they wished to have the Church area back for the sole use of the Church. It was agreed that the Pre-School would continue to use the Church for the period Sept 2021 to August 2022 by which time changes could be approved for the Pre-School to use the 3 smaller meeting rooms from September 2022 with an additional outdoor classroom. Following meetings and discussions plans were formalised although the outside classroom is still in the process of being approved by Bristol City Council, the Pre-School have been able to create a lovely welcoming environment inside the building with two self-contained classroom areas and smaller room for staff and 1:1 working.

When the Church area was being used, it provided the Pre-School with the space to accommodate 64 children per day although the Pre-School capped this at 60 per day, the new arrangements currently enable the Pre-School to take a maximum of 48 children per day. This has meant that we have children waiting to come into the Pre-School. The outside classroom will provide space for an additional 12 children per day, and it is hoped that the planning will be successful, and the project completed by March 2023.

The Pre-School has seen further change in personnel during September 2021 and August 2022. In October 2021 we said goodbye to an established member of the team: Sara was with us from the very early days then leaving us in 2016, she re-joined us in 2018 but following the pandemic decided that she wanted to try something different. Her new role is a Learning Support Assistant at a nearby primary school. We were able to recruit a new member of staff quickly and there was minimum disruption to the children.
Sherri-Lee is experienced and holds a Level 3 qualification. She fitted in brilliantly with the Nursery team.

We then said farewell to one of our playgroup team of 6 years at the end of July 2022, Jo has played an important role in supporting our children with additional needs these past few years. Her new role sees her as a Learning Support Assistant at her son's primary school.

We also said goodbye to our nursery key person and SENDco Summer, who left at the end of August 2022 to take up a post with the Southwest Ambulance Service. Summer had been with us for 4 years and as with Jo had recently played an important role in supporting children in the setting with additional needs.

We were fortunate to recruit two ex-parents, Vickie and Kelly who have a vast amount of experience in early years and are appropriately qualified to Level 3 and are currently job sharing. We also recruited another practitioner at Level 3, Toni, to work alongside them. All 3 have fitted in very well with the team. The 3 Practitioners are primarily supporting 3 children that have additional needs in the nursery class.

Our two apprentices are doing well and on course to complete in the new year despite a change in their tutor from Best Practice.

We were able once again to offer work experience to a student from a local Secondary school during term 6.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

It has been another hard year for everyone involved with the Pre-School, but we are very proud that we have remained open, providing care, and learning for the entire year from 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022 for all the children on roll with oi closures due to isolation or Covid-19 outbreaks. The staff again achieved something that very few other educational settings were able to do.

A big thank you to our parents who have also been brilliant, adhering to our risk assessments, Covid-19 measures and the support they have given to our staff team.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Events and outings for the year

November

Children in Need - Practitioners organised fun events during the week alongside the more serious issues of the meaning of Children in Need. One of the days the children came in dressed up for 'Children in Need' and donated £1.00 to the cause. this raised a total of £67.45.

Photographer - Our professional photographers from Jefferson studios visited us again with restrictions in place, however they still donated £83.00 to us.

December

Christmas Productions - This year we performed for the parents although we did restrict numbers and request that masks be worn.
Playgroup were able to perform a lovely Christmas concert in the Church.
Nursery performed on two evenings for their parents.
All productions were enjoyed by the parents and the children loved showing off their singing and acting skills dressed in their new nativity costumes.
Christmas Party - We were able to provide an in-house Christmas lunch and a 'big Christmas party', we cooked a Christmas dinner for all the children and provided entertainment in the Pre-School. We were fortunate to have a visit from Father Christmas and all children were presented with a Christmas wrapped picture book.

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Children's Book Week - The children enjoyed lots of activities focused on their favourite books and especially the mix up sessions where nursery and playgroup came together to carry out the activities.

Annual Fundraiser:
It worked so well last year we decided to do it all over again.
All the children were invited to take part in our sponsored 25 challenges, a big breakfast, and a fun 'Fitness Session'. The challenges proved very popular, 10 set by the Pre-School, 10 set by the key person and 5 to do at home with the family. This year we raised a massive £2,523.00.

The following week the Children enjoyed finding out about Comic Relief and eating lots of red foods for the occasion, we raised and donated £32.65 to Comic Relief.

May

We had a lovely Platinum Jubilee Day and tea party with the children before breaking up for end of term. The Pre-School provided each child with a Royal Mint souvenir £5 coin to commemorate the occasion.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

June

The PMC hosted another Family Fun Day at the local playing fields with the support of the staff. It was very well attended, and the children had a chance to play some games, meet some special mascots, have their faces painted and buy ice-creams from an ice-cream van that attended. Bar-b-que food was provided by the PMC who also held a raffle. It was decided that the event would be a social get together rather than a fundraising event.

July

We were able to take our nursery children on a fantastic day trip to Bristol Zoo. It was a lovely day out. We used a coach again this year to transport the children to the zoo and parents were asked to pick them up at home time.
We again adhered to the social distancing measures in place at the zoo and the children, yet again, were brilliant.
It was a sad occasion for us as the zoo has now closed so it was the last visit for us after many years.

Parents were invited to our leaver's ceremony which we decided to hold outdoors again because everyone enjoyed it during Covid. The children performed songs and the tearjerker "When I Grow Up" before receiving their final learning journeys, Bookstart gift and the much-loved Beat Baby, as well as a 'hug' from their key person.
The playgroup children received their learning journeys in their new book bags and a beautiful sunflower pack to plant at home and we donated £1 from each pack to UNICEF £40.00, as well as a hug.

It was an emotional occasion as we all realised just what a time, we had been through but for the children it was just another day.

The year was completed with a farewell party, with the children enjoying, pizza and pasta, jelly and ice cream and lots of fun.

Holiday Clubs throughout the year have continued to be very popular. We ran the clubs in October 2021, December 2021, February 2022, Easter 2022, and August 2022 despite having building work done.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising activities

A total of £2,884.16 was raised for the Pre-School this year and £216.95 spent, bringing the total in the account at £9,359.46 which will be used for future specific projects once the outside playground has been built.

The PMC raised money by hosting social events for parents to meet and children to enjoy time together outside of the setting. In May the Spring social event invited all families to the local community centre for spring themed games, glitter tattoos, body art and a spring hunt! Refreshments for a donation were kindly received so everyone could come along. The event raised £83.80 from the generous donations and it was a fantastic social event with lots of positive feedback and families enjoying the spring sunshine together.

The family fun day as mentioned above was another social event which raised £132.70 through raffle money and kind donations from families and the ice cream man.

New equipment

This year the Pre-School has purchased new resources to support the changes to the rooms:

o New furnishings for the staff room: desk, chairs, cabinet and locker
o New children's toilets and flooring
o Accessory items for the new classroom and corridor
o Accessory items to enhance the side canopy area
o New play resources and plants for the small sensory garden

The PMC agreed to all the new resources & changes and the Pre-school has yet again been transformed! The children and practitioners are enjoying using the new areas and having the extra on the move kits to enhance the children's learning.

Ofsted Inspection - 26.09.2017

The Pre-School received a 'Good' outcome when they were inspected by Ofsted in September 2017 and wonderful comments regarding leadership, practitioners and the children, well done to all concerned.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Quality Assurance

The Bristol Standard Quality Assurance/reflection plans have been put into place during the year and all practitioners were involved in assessing and monitoring the targets set as well as going forward with the new pathway for September 2022. We were asked to include a little more detail before being awarded the Bristol Standard again in October 2022.

"The validation panel felt in dimension one that you have reflected on your values and aims and identified a clear target to review your ethos and recognise the importance of sharing this with parents. The validation panel recognises the difficult time you have had recently with the high turnover of staff and by being told you will shortly be losing your church space so were pleased to read in dimension 4 how your team are embracing the changes ahead and seeing the positive impact this will have on your setting. We look forward to hearing what these are in future submissions."

Partnership Working

The Pre-School have continued their excellent partnership with the community, the Church, local schools, and outside agencies.

In May, we found that assessments for children on the ASD pathway as well as those with speech delays were taking up to a year for children to be seen in clinic. We decided as a setting that with a high number of children waiting to access these services we would buy in a speech and language therapist to support us with implementing key strategies. We were able to purchase 3 hours per week for 6 weeks during term 6 which meant that we had lots of information to take forward with the children in September 2022. The reports have informed our planning and our approach to children with SEND and we are proud that we our children are benefitting from this interaction. We will be continuing working with the speech and language agency for the 2022 - 2023 academic year.

This year we were able to offer transition sessions to Primary School Reception teachers - inviting them into the setting and for some children they were able to go into their new schools, we continued to use the school's websites to deliver information and share the child's journey to reception.

We did yet again run a very successful transition program for our playgroup children attending our nursery class in September 2022. We ran 4 morning sessions again so that the children had a great time meeting their new groups and key person.

As previously mentioned, the Church members and the Pre-School have been working together to look at the future of both organisations in using the Church buildings. The changes made to the Pre-School have already had a positive effect on the children and staff and the Church members are enjoying having sole use of their space.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Note from the PMC - The Pre-School continues to go from strength to strength, this can be attributed to both the management and the quality of staff. Locally the pre-school continues to thrive on an exceptional reputation with families both in and outside of Ashton Vale.

We have enjoyed supporting and seeing the developments taking place to give the pre-school a new dedicated space, storage and a much brighter setting.

Playgroup children have settled brilliantly, the feedback from new families has been glowing and it's been wonderful getting to know the new parents. The nursery children are exemplary; parents are pleased with the setting and the children enjoy attending. It's been wonderful to hear about the additional supporting being offered to families and children with additional needs.

We held a lovely summer event on the local playing fields where we were joined by the families of the children for a picnic, play, raffle, and of course an ice cream. The weather was on our side and a really lovely day was enjoyed by all: The highlight being a surprise visit from some favourite characters of the children: The event was great success, well ran and really enjoyable.

We are planning to hold another celebration in Jan 23 to get the families together and celebrate all things Ashton Vale Pre-School.

We have been working on links with the local community centre and primary school to ensure we can promote events to the local families and also get involved by identifying opportunities for cake sales etc.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to a few committee members this year as they no longer have children in attendance at the setting, some of which have been part of the PMC for a number years. Work has started to promote the PMC to families and see if we can attract some new members.

We look forward to 2022-2023 and supporting the Pre-school once again.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1049791

Principal address
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Ashton Vale Pre-School

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

Trustees
L Lawrence (resigned 31.8.22)
K Cox
L Moore
H Branson
S Smith
Z Key (appointed 19.10.22)
J Young (appointed 27.2.22)
E Farwig-Jones (appointed 29.1.22)

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28/2/23 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
S Smith - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Ashton Vale Pre-School

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashton Vale Pre-School
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ashton Vale Pre-School (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

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Date: 6 March 2023

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.8.22 Total funds £	31.8.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		291,451	-	291,451	266,435
Other trading activities	2	9,753	2,884	12,637	17,219
Total		301,204	2,884	304,088	283,654
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	3	262,842	217	263,059	267,902
NET INCOME		38,362	2,667	41,029	15,752
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		189,283	6,692	195,975	180,223
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		227,645	9,359	237,004	195,975

The notes form part of these financial statements

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Statement of Financial Position
31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.8.22 Total funds £	31.8.21 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		227,645	9,359	237,004	195,975
NET CURRENT ASSETS		227,645	9,359	237,004	195,975
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		227,645	9,359	237,004	195,975
NET ASSETS		227,645	9,359	237,004	195,975
FUNDS	7				
Unrestricted funds				227,645	189,283
Restricted funds				9,359	6,692
TOTAL FUNDS				237,004	195,975

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ....28/2/2023..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
S Smith - Trustee

.....
Z Key - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
Fundraising events	4,132	3,849
Holiday club	8,107	9,616
Other income	398	3,754
	12,637	17,219

3. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
Staff costs	217,038	212,751
Premises costs	16,280	16,310
Membership and Insurance	3,225	3,092
Telephone and internet	596	656
Consumables	6,662	4,747
Fees refunds	1,872	477
Support costs	17,159	28,931
	262,832	266,964

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

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5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.8.22	31.8.21
Teaching and schooling	12	13
Administration	1	1
	13	14

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	266,435	-	266,435
Other trading activities	14,653	2,566	17,219
Total	281,088	2,566	283,654
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	266,964	938	267,902
NET INCOME	14,124	1,628	15,752
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	175,159	5,064	180,223
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	189,283	6,692	195,975

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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	189,283	38,362	227,645
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	6,692	2,667	9,359
TOTAL FUNDS	195,975	41,029	237,004

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	301,204	(262,842)	38,362
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	2,884	(217)	2,667
TOTAL FUNDS	304,088	(263,059)	41,029

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	175,159	14,124	189,283
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	5,064	1,628	6,692
TOTAL FUNDS	180,223	15,752	195,975

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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	281,088	(266,964)	14,124
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	2,566	(938)	1,628
TOTAL FUNDS	283,654	(267,902)	15,752

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	175,159	52,486	227,645
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	5,064	4,295	9,359
TOTAL FUNDS	180,223	56,781	237,004

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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	582,292	(529,806)	52,486
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	5,450	(1,155)	4,295
TOTAL FUNDS	587,742	(530,961)	56,781

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	31.8.22 £	31.8.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	1,608	2,177
Fees received from parents	39,031	33,908
EYSFF Funding	250,441	229,794
Uniform Orders	371	556
	291,451	266,435
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	4,132	3,849
Holiday club	8,107	9,616
Other income	398	3,754
	12,637	17,219
Total incoming resources	304,088	283,654
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	217,038	212,751
Premises costs	16,280	16,310
Membership and Insurance	3,225	3,092
Telephone and internet	596	656
Consumables	6,662	4,747
Fees refunds	1,872	477
	245,673	238,033
Other trading activities		
Fundraising costs	227	938
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Other expenditure	7,228	11,133
Carried forward	7,228	11,133

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
Governance costs		
Brought forward	7,228	11,133
Equipment and resources	8,873	15,879
Petty cash expenses	1,058	1,919
	17,159	28,931
Total resources expended	263,059	267,902
Net income	41,029	15,752

ASHTON VALE PRE SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1049791

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1049791

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021 for Ashton Vale Pre-School

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Ashton Vale Pre-School

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

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Ashton Vale Pre-School

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

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.

Provide day care for children from the age of two to school age within Ashton Vale community. Operates in accordance with Ofsted and other regulatory offices and provides a curriculum based on early years foundation stage.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

Staff & Apprentices

The Pre-School has seen a higher than normal change in personnel during September 2020 and August 2021. Having all worked successfully through the pandemic some practitioners felt it was time to move on. We said farewell to one of our playgroup Senior Leads at the end of March 2021. She had been with us for 7 years since completing her childcare qualification at college. Her new role takes her into a different area: caring for children and young adults with mental health issues. We were fortunate to recruit a practitioner with similar experience who joined us during our Easter holiday club and has fitted in well with the playgroup team.

We said goodbye to our playgroup support assistant, who also left at the end of March 2021 to take up a nursing post at the Bristol Children's Hospital. Again, we were fortunate to recruit a young person who wanted to pursue a career in early years and we are pleased that she has signed up to the Best Practice Network Apprenticeship scheme to complete her Level 3 Early Years Educator course.

We were able to offer work experience to a student from a local Secondary school during the last week of term 6 and the first few days of the summer holiday club 2021. She was initially due to attend during June 2020, but we couldn't take her on due to Covid-19 restrictions. It was lovely to meet up with the student again as had attended the Pre-School herself some 13 years earlier.

Another member of the playgroup team left us at the end of August 2021 to take up a teaching assistant role in a local primary school. She has since been replaced with an ex-parent and trustee and is taking on an apprenticeship with Best Practice to complete her Level 3 Early Years Educator qualification.

It has been an exceptionally hard year for everyone involved with the Pre-School, but we are very proud that we have remained open, providing care, and learning for the entire year from 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021 for all the children on roll with no closures due to isolation or Covid-19 outbreaks. The staff achieved something that very few other educational settings were able to do.

A big thank you to our parents who have also been brilliant, adhering to our risk assessments, Covid-19 measures and the support they have given to our staff team

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Events and outings for the year

November

Children in Need - Practitioners organised fun events during the week alongside the more serious issues of the meaning of Children in Need. One of the days the children came in dressed up for 'Children in Need' and donated £1.00 to the cause. this raised a total of £57.15.

Photographer - Our professional photographers from Jefferson studios visited us again but with restrictions in place, however they still donated £75.00 to us.

December

Christmas Productions -This year we performed for the video camera. Playgroup were able to perform a lovely Christmas concert outside, with a Christmas tree and twinkling lights, this was recorded and sent out to all of the playgroup parents.
Nursery were unlucky with the weather so swapped the outdoors for indoors and performed in the Church, again the performance was videoed for parents.
Both productions were fortunate to have a visit from Father Christmas and Snowy the snowman and all children were presented with a Christmas wrapped picture book.

Christmas Party - We were able to provide an in-house Christmas lunch and a bubble 'wrapped' 'big Christmas party', we cooked a Christmas dinner for all the children and provided entertainment in the Pre-School.

March

Children's Book Week - The children enjoyed lots of activities focused on their favourite books.

Annual Fundraiser:
All the children were invited to take part in our sponsored 25 challenges, a big breakfast, and a fun 'Fitness Session'. We were fortunate yet again to secure a PMC member who gave the children a wonderful work out and made the event brilliant. The challenges proved very popular, 10 set by the Pre-School, 10 set by the key person and 5 to do at home with the family. This year we raised a massive £1,885.50 and donated £651.88 to Comic Relief.

July

We were able to take our nursery children on a fantastic day trip to Bristol Zoo. It was a lovely day out. We used a coach this year to transport the children to the zoo and parents were asked to pick them up at home time.
We adhered to the social distancing measures in place at the zoo and the children, yet again, were brilliant.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Parents were invited to an outdoor leaver's ceremony where the children performed songs before receiving their final learning journeys, Bookstart gift and the much-loved Beat Baby, as well as a 'hug' from their key person.

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The year was completed with a farewell party, with the children enjoying, pizza and pasta, jelly and ice cream and lots of fun.

Holiday Clubs throughout the year have continued to be very popular. We ran the clubs in October 2020, December 2020, February 2021, Easter 2021, July & August 2021.

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising activities

A total of £2,565.71 was raised for the Pre-School this year and £937.80 spent, bringing the total in the account at £6,692.25 which will be used for future specific projects.

Social distancing guidelines made many fundraising events difficult to hold such as Christmas parties, so the PMC held a raffle in November instead helped by some very generous prize donations from parents which raised £293.00.

In June the PMC hosted a Family Fun Day at the local playing fields with the support of the staff. It was very well attended, and the children had chance to play some games, meet some special mascots, have their faces painted and buy ice-creams from an ice-cream van that attended. Bar-b-que food was provided by the PMC who also held a raffle and although the event was more of a social get together rather than a fundraising event, they still raised £26.29.

New equipment

This year the Pre-School has purchased lots of new resources this included:

" Imaginative Play - On the Move
" An Outdoor Investigation Table
" Stories - On the Move Kit
" Mats - On the Move Kit
" Match & Measure Bones and Cards Set
" Early Maths Progress Pack
" Early Literacy Progress Pack
" BIO Sand Set
" Tables and chairs

Outside we have two Canopy areas which have always had plastic curtains to keep them dry and warm. This year we looked into replacing the curtains with purpose made glass doors/windows and this has made a huge difference to the environment. We now have a light, warm and dry side canopy which looks so much cleaner and professional than before.

The playground canopy has been partitioned so that again it offers a light, warm and dry outdoor classroom that can be used in all weather by a small group for a more structured outdoor experience.

The new tables and chairs have ensured that staff no longer have to move things weekly across the setting and outside. Each zoned area is fully equipped with enough chairs and tables for each group to use and they can be moved or put away to give extra space when needed.

The PMC agreed to all of the new resources & changes and the Pre-school has yet again been transformed! The children and practitioners are enjoying using the new areas and having the extra on the move kits to enhance the children's learning

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Ofsted Inspection - 26.09.2017
The Pre-School received a 'Good' outcome when they were inspected by Ofsted in September 2017 and wonderful comments regarding leadership, practitioners and the children, well done to all concerned.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Quality Assurance

It has been good to see the Quality Assurance plans put into place during the year and all practitioners were involved in assessing and monitoring the targets set during lockdown as well as going forward with the new pathway for September 2021. We were awarded the Bristol Standard again in July 2021 and we are very proud of the comments we received:

'The validation panel felt that congratulations are in order on maintaining your good practice during the Covid 19 pandemic. We really liked seeing your families being involved in a variety of ways and how you give children's voice such a strong importance in your setting. You manage to involve all parents and work collaboratively with every family. We felt that you have an authentic commitment to ensuring inclusive practice. Throughout your submission we were struck by your reflective approach to solving problems and keeping the child at the heart of all you do. We really noticed that your play and learning experiences had breadth and depth. We can feel that your setting is an essential part of your community and can see children have rich learning experiences with you. We look forward to hearing more about your 'Walking to School' initiative in your next submission.'

Partnership Working

The Pre-School have continued their excellent partnership with the community, the Church, local schools, and outside agencies. Whilst much of our meetings with outside agencies were carried out via zoom/Microsoft team we were able to maintain a semblance of normality.

This year we were able to offer transition sessions to Primary School Reception teachers - inviting them into the setting. The children were unable to go into their new schools, so we yet again used the school's websites to deliver information and share a story with the reception teachers.

We did however run a very successful transition program for our playgroup children attending our nursery class in September 2021. We ran 4 morning sessions so that the children had a great time meeting their new groups and key person.

The Church members and the Pre-School have been working together to look at the future of both organisations in using the Church buildings. The Church have asked that we no longer use the Church area from September 2022 so we are in the process of looking at how best we can utilise the other rooms and outside area to ensure we maintain the registration numbers needed to offer the community a sustainable Pre-School. It will be a challenging year in 2021 - 2022 but we are hoping the outcomes will be a positive new chapter for the Pre-School.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

COVID 19

Note from the PMC - We are all so proud and thankful for how the Pre-School adapted to Covid life and stayed open to support families at such a difficult time. The commitment from all Pre-School staff to ensure they kept Pre-School as normal as possible for all children attending has been outstanding. Whilst so many other industries closed, these girls worked harder than ever to bring smiles, safety and achievements to not only the children, but their families as well! Even when children were not able to attend the setting at the early stages of lock down, the Pre-School still went above and beyond to keep contact with all families, guide learning and development virtually and just be there for someone to talk to when life had changed so much. Overall, the Pre-school was there to care and protect everyone, so a big thank you once again!

The PMC completed one Zoom meeting and then 'socially distanced' meetings once this was allowed. Lynne kept us up to date via email with any changes within the Pre-school, such as the Covid policy and staffing changes. We were able to discuss and agree/disagree to anything via our private WhatsApp group.
The 'virtual' raffle was a success and it was humbling once again to see how generous parents are, it was a great way to raise money and have a bit of fun for Christmas (which was much needed after the year we all had). Then to finish off the year it was fantastic to be able to plan and deliver a super 'family fun day' in the sunshine! We were amazed to see so many families and friends turn out for BBQ food, raffle prizes, face paints, glitter tattoos, mascots and sport day activities. Then of course an ice cream to finish with and cool down! Thank you as well to all the PMC and everyone who made the event possible!

We are all looking forward to Yr. 2021-2022 and supporting the Pre-school once again. There will be more opportunities to host fundraising activities and social events. We are already looking to plan a Christmas disco and work with the community centre to offer bake sales once again. Some members of the committee will be leaving in January 2022; therefore we are already promoting the roles within the PMC which will need filling. It will be great to see new faces, even if they would like to support at events, find out more about the Pre-school and make some new friends.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ....16.2.22..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....
L Lawrence - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Ashton Vale Pre-School

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashton Vale Pre-School
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ashton Vale Pre-School (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Stanley Joseph Limited

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Date: 7 March 2022

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.8.21 Total funds £	31.8.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		266,435	-	266,435	290,207
Other trading activities	2	14,653	2,566	17,219	10,352
Total		281,088	2,566	283,654	300,559
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	3	266,964	938	267,902	264,928
NET INCOME		14,124	1,628	15,752	35,631
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		175,159	5,064	180,223	144,592
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		189,283	6,692	195,975	180,223

The notes form part of these financial statements

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Statement of Financial Position
31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.8.21 Total funds £	31.8.20 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		189,283	6,692	195,975	180,223
NET CURRENT ASSETS		189,283	6,692	195,975	180,223
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		189,283	6,692	195,975	180,223
NET ASSETS		189,283	6,692	195,975	180,223
FUNDS	7				
Unrestricted funds				189,283	175,159
Restricted funds				6,692	5,064
TOTAL FUNDS				195,975	180,223

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16.2.22 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
L Lawrence - Trustee

L Moore
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L Moore - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Fundraising events	3,849	1,904
Holiday club	9,616	6,404
Other income	3,754	2,044
	17,219	10,352

3. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Staff costs	212,751	203,169
Premises costs	16,310	14,864
Membership and Insurance	3,092	3,633
Telephone and internet	656	619
Consumables	4,747	3,368
Fees refunds	477	999
Support costs	28,931	38,003
	266,964	264,655

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2021 nor for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2021 nor for the year ended 31 August 2020.

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5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.8.21	31.8.20
Teaching and schooling	13	11
Administration	1	1
	14	12

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	290,207	-	290,207
Other trading activities	9,094	1,258	10,352
Total	299,301	1,258	300,559
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	264,655	273	264,928
NET INCOME	34,646	985	35,631
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	140,513	4,079	144,592
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	175,159	5,064	180,223

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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	175,159	14,124	189,283
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	5,064	1,628	6,692
TOTAL FUNDS	180,223	15,752	195,975

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	281,088	(266,964)	14,124
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	2,566	(938)	1,628
TOTAL FUNDS	283,654	(267,902)	15,752

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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	140,513	34,646	175,159
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	4,079	985	5,064
TOTAL FUNDS	144,592	35,631	180,223

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	299,301	(264,655)	34,646
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	1,258	(273)	985
TOTAL FUNDS	300,559	(264,928)	35,631

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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	140,513	48,770	189,283
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	4,079	2,613	6,692
TOTAL FUNDS	144,592	51,383	195,975

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	580,389	(531,619)	48,770
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	3,824	(1,211)	2,613
TOTAL FUNDS	584,213	(532,830)	51,383

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8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	31.8.21 £	31.8.20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	2,177	1,661
Fees received from parents	33,908	28,120
EYSFF Funding	229,794	260,009
Uniform Orders	556	217
Supply cover/ training	-	200
	266,435	290,207
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	3,849	1,904
Holiday club	9,616	6,404
Other income	3,754	2,044
	17,219	10,352
Total incoming resources	283,654	300,559
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	212,751	203,169
Premises costs	16,310	14,864
Membership and Insurance	3,092	3,633
Telephone and internet	656	619
Consumables	4,747	3,368
Fees refunds	477	999
	238,033	226,652
Other trading activities		
Fundraising costs	938	273

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	31.8.21 £	31.8.20 £
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Other expenditure	11,133	27,493
Equipment and resources	15,879	9,228
Petty cash expenses	1,919	1,282
	28,931	38,003
Total resources expended	267,902	264,928
Net income	15,752	35,631

ASHTON VALE PRE SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1049791

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1049791

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2020 for Ashton Vale Pre-School

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Ashton Vale Pre-School

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Ashton Vale Pre-School

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

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.

Provide day care for children from the age of two to school age within Ashton Vale community. Operates in accordance with Ofsted and other regulatory offices and provides a curriculum based on early years foundation stage.

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
Significant activities
Staff & Apprentices

The Pre-School has been fortunate to retain all staff members as of 31st August 2020. One member of staff was due to return from Maternity leave on 1st June 2020 but due to COVID-19 this was delayed until 1st September 2020. Following a successful year working with 2 children with SEN, we have asked the support assistant to stay with us to support new children coming into the playgroup class from September. With new procedures being put into place in line with Government control systems she will be a welcome addition to the playgroup team.

Unfortunately due to restrictions we were unable to offer work experience to students from local Secondary schools, but we contacted them all during lockdown and advised that if their schools allowed them to carry out work experience during the 2020/21 academic year we would be happy to accommodate them.

Since January 2020, all our staff are now paid at the Living Wage rate or above following an agreed pay rise by the PMC. During lockdown, all staff were paid in full for the duration. All practitioners completed online professional development courses via Educare as well as attending webinars and learning offered by Kinderly. Weekly plans were sent out to all our parents offering suggestions of things to do at home and how to support the children's learning through the Early Years Foundation stage. Parents were encouraged to post photographs and comments, again via Kinderly.

The Pre-School initially offered to remain open at the start of lockdown for our 'key workers' but with only 1 child scheduled to come in at different times it was agreed that we would close. The Pre-School closed on Thursday 26th March 2020 and reopened on Wednesday 13th May 2020 for Vulnerable & Key Worker children. At this point 14 children returned to the Pre-School and were offered sessions for 5 days a week if needed.

Following Government advice, the Pre-School opened to all children on 1st June and it was lovely to see so many children returning. Except for Key Worker children sessions were limited to 3 full days per week which allowed us to maintain strict bubbles and vigorous cleaning/hygiene procedures.

We have 4 full time practitioners and 1 full time administrator, together with the Head of Setting they have worked exceptionally to ensure the Pre-School has remained open. Holiday club was run both in May and the summer months July/August and this year the Pre-School saw many more children using it as parents were asked to return to work.

Changes to planning through Kinderly

The Pre-School has now been using the electronic Learning Journey App [Kinderly] for over a year. Kinderly also provides a means to generate invoices and a monthly/annual account system. Practitioners are now confident with the use of Kinderly and enjoy using it. Most parents are able to use the App confidently and will also use it to upload photos and comment on 'postcards' sent from Keypersons. Parents find that the invoice system is great through Kinderly and I am sure our finance officer agrees it is a straightforward process and supports the sending and tracking of invoices.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

Throughout Lockdown Kinderly was a great tool for all Practitioners to use. It enabled them to stay in contact with their groups and parents/careers. Kinderly was also used to add weekly 'plans' to help parents with learning aspects to follow, which always included 'fun' topics and requests to see what the children had been up to. The plans followed the prime areas within the curriculum (EYFS) and the way in which the Pre-school would usually be planning each week for the children. For example, every third week was 'Reflective week'. Certificates were also sent through Kinderly to reward children for 'staying home and staying safe'.

Kinderly was also used to support with any areas of concern within Lockdown, such as sending website links for Safeguarding and Mental Health.

Parents agree that having Kinderly throughout Lockdown helped them to set activities for their children and support their development and learning. It was also great to have the communication with the Pre-school and Keypersons, lots of care and support throughout which was greatly appreciated.

At the end of the academic year every parent received a hard copy of their child's learning journey and this included all of the children's learning from home photographs and comments.

Website & email system

The website is updated annually, along with a blog which is monitored each term. Group emails are sent out to parents and staff via the parent email account, all parents and staff now receive the same information at the same time. The committee members have been updated along with overall 'role' descriptions.

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
Events and outings for the year

November

Children in Need - Practitioners organised fun events during the week alongside the more serious issues of the meaning of Children in Need. One of the days the children came in dressed up for 'Children in Need'. All children within the Pre-School baked cakes and biscuits to sell after Pre-School hours (pick up), this raised a total of - £87.24.

Photographer - Our professional photographers from Jefferson studios visited and we received a donation of £80.00.

December

Christmas Productions -This year we continued with our evening performances; again, they were split over two evenings to accommodate all parents wishing to watch and they were treated to mince pies and hot chocolate following the performance. Playgroup children also performed 2 mini concerts to parents and family during the day.

Christmas Party - We borrowed the Community Centre next door and invited all the children to a 'big Christmas party' we cooked a Christmas dinner for all the children and provided entertainment in the Pre-School provided by 'Stretch & Grow' - A wonderful Frozen themed workout this year. Father Christmas was also on hand and gave each child a present.

The PMC sold Hot Dogs at the local Community Centre Christmas event - please see details in the section below.

The PMC successfully organised a Children's Christmas Party - please see details in the section below.

Staff were treated to a Christmas lunch at Brown's as a thank you for their continued support and hard work.

March

Children's Book Week - The children enjoyed lots of activities focused around their favourite books.

Big Breakfast
All the children were invited to take part in our sponsored walk to school, big breakfast and 'Fitness Session'. We were fortunate to secure a PMC member who gave the children a wonderful work out and made the event brilliant. This year we raised £814.70.

PMC Held a Successful 'Let's Get Active' event - please see details in the below section.

March onwards - Due to Covid all other events, outings and fundraisers planned were cancelled.

Holiday Clubs throughout the year have been very popular.

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising activities

Fundraising activities

Fundraising - We have been very fortunate to have been given donations from companies of which parents work for, this came in at a total of £733.55.

We were also lucky to have a family who own a flooring company and laid the newly refurbished kitchen floor free of charge as a thank you for their time with the Pre-School.

A total of £1257.70 was raised for the Pre-School this year and £272.56 spent, bringing the total in the account at £5064.34 which will be used for future specific projects.

In December the PMC sold hot dogs at the local community centre Christmas event - this raised £43.00.

In December the PMC also hosted a social event, a Christmas disco for all Pre-school children and their families to attend. The event was a success with hot dog sales and cakes, drinks, glitter tattoos, balloons, biscuit decorating, colouring, mince pies, teas and coffees (all included within ticket). The children loved every bit of the disco especially a visit from Father Christmas with a gift and then to finish a superb firework display which was safely conducted from a firework Technician (husband of the PMC member). All parents and children agreed it was an event to remember! Money raised from the disco - £216.00.

In March the PMC hosted a 'Let's Get Active' social event. This included fun, fitness/activity stations for all children and their families to complete. There was also space for families to meet and socialise. The PMC and other parents made and donated cakes to sale on the day. Teas, coffees, squash and water were all available free of charge, however some donations were kindly given. The event finished with a group 'song and dance'. All children and their families enjoyed the morning and it was great to see lots of people attend and take part in physical activity! All equipment was borrowed from the Pre-school and we were kindly given free hire of the community centre. Therefore, all money raised went to the Pre-school - £104.

New equipment

This year the Pre-School has purchased lots of new resources this included:
" Outside ball runners and guttering for water play - ready for summer!
" Capes - for all the mini Super Heros!
" Car wash set
" Resources sheds - keeping everything outside neat tidy and in one place!
" Dolls, pushchairs and car seat.
" Storage - for all these lovely new resources.
" 3ry old play kitchen to match the 2yr old play kitchen
" Shelter for the summer/being outside.
" Remote controls - cats and cars (mainly for playgroup children to use).
" Beat Bots for Nursery children to use.
" Planes/wooden garage/animals/dinosaurs/people.
" Cones
" Chalk boards and chalk - we all love the Gorilla and Hippo on the playground gates!
" Bean Bags - for sitting on and sharing stories.
" Wooden chair set for outside.
" Rockets - for our future Astronauts to experiment with!

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising activities

" Activity kits
" Construction set (tools) - all the children love to wear the hard hats and use a hammer or screwdriver!
" Cars - you can never have enough cars!
" Number ducks and number discs - play is learning!
" Exercise discs - Great fun at the 'Let's Get Active' event.
" Wooden roller ball set - see images below.
" Communications set - modernized 'tin can' telephones!

The PMC have agreed all the new resources were required and the Pre-school has been transformed! The children and practitioners are enjoying using the new resources and having the extra storage to put everything away and keep everything safe.

Ofsted Inspection - 26.09.2017

The Pre-School received a 'Good' outcome when they were inspected by Ofsted in September 2017 and wonderful comments regarding leadership, practitioners and the children, well done to all concerned.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Quality Assurance

During lockdown it was agreed by all practitioners that this was an ideal situation to look at the Bristol Standard quality improvement and self-reflection, LEA Quality Assurance Scheme. The practitioners were split into groups and worked together via zoom, facetime, WhatsApp and other messaging services. Evidence was ascertained from the setting and everything was put together and submitted to the Bristol Standard validation team in May. The Pre-School were successful and the Bristol Standard team issued emails to all other settings as well as through their website https://www.bristolearlyyears.org.uk/the-bristol-standard/news/ where there is an impressive article.

Through the Bristol Standard the Pre-School conducted an outdoor audit and a new Outdoor policy has been introduced for September 2020.

Partnership Working

The Pre-School have continued their excellent partnership with the community, the Church, local schools, and outside agencies. Throughout lockdown we worked with outside agencies to ensure that an Educational Health Care Plan was awarded for two of our children in time for going to Primary School

Lockdown meant that we were unable to offer our normal transition sessions to Primary School Reception teachers - instead of inviting them into the setting we asked them to post information on their school websites and read a story for the children. Almost all our local schools did this, and we then shared the website with the children that were in the setting as well as emailing the information to the children that didn't return.

The Church members and the Pre-School have been working together to improve different areas of the Church building, a new pathway has been constructed which will give greater options re social distancing, for Church members as well as Pre-School parents when using the building, the Church have paid for this to be done whilst the Pre-School have paid for a much needed new kitchen, which again will benefit both the Church and Pre-School.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1049791

Principal address

Ashton Vale Church
Risdale Road
Ashton Vale
Bristol
BS3 2QY

Trustees

L Lawrence	
C Lee	- resigned 30.8.20
S Kat	- resigned 30.8.20
K Cox	
R Sys	- resigned 30.8.20
Z Key	- resigned 30.8.20
L Moore	
H Branson	
E Nicholls	- appointed 30.8.20
S Smith	- appointed 30.8.20
L Hilyer	- appointed 30.8.20
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

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Ashton Vale Pre-School

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Other trading activities	2	10,352	-	10,352	9,129
Total		300,559	-	300,559	268,193
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		226,925	-	226,925	204,760
Other		38,003	-	38,003	16,384
Total		264,928	-	264,928	221,144
NET INCOME		35,631	-	35,631	47,049
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		116,719	5,228	121,947	74,898
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		152,350	5,228	157,578	121,947

The notes form part of these financial statements

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Statement of Financial Position
At 31 August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.8.20 Total funds £	31.8.19 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		174,995	5,228	180,223	158,773
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year		(22,645)	-	(22,645)	(36,826)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		152,350	5,228	157,578	121,947
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		152,350	5,228	157,578	121,947
NET ASSETS		152,350	5,228	157,578	121,947
FUNDS	6				
Unrestricted funds				152,350	116,719
Restricted funds				5,228	5,228
TOTAL FUNDS				157,578	121,947

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

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L. Moore
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All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.20	31.8.19
	£	£
Fundraising events	1,904	2,865
Holiday club	6,404	5,737
Other income	2,044	527
	10,352	9,129

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2020 nor for the year ended 31 August 2019.

Trustees' expenses
There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2020 nor for the year ended 31 August 2019.

4. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.8.20	31.8.19
Teaching and schooling	11	12
Administration	1	2
	12	14

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	259,064	-	259,064
Other trading activities	6,264	2,865	9,129
Total	265,328	2,865	268,193
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	204,665	95	204,760

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Other	16,384	-	16,384
Total	221,049	95	221,144
NET INCOME	44,279	2,770	47,049
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	72,440	2,458	74,898
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	116,719	5,228	121,947

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	116,719	35,631	152,350
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	5,228	-	5,228
TOTAL FUNDS	121,947	35,631	157,578

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	300,559	(264,928)	35,631
TOTAL FUNDS	300,559	(264,928)	35,631

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.19 £
Unrestricted Funds			
General fund	72,440	44,279	116,719
Restricted Funds			
Fundraising	2,458	2,770	5,228
TOTAL FUNDS	74,898	47,049	121,947

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	265,328	(221,049)	44,279
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	2,865	(95)	2,770
TOTAL FUNDS	268,193	(221,144)	47,049

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	72,440	79,910	152,350
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	2,458	2,770	5,228
TOTAL FUNDS	74,898	82,680	157,578

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	565,887	(485,977)	79,910
Restricted funds			
Fundraising	2,865	(95)	2,770
TOTAL FUNDS	568,752	(486,072)	82,680

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	31.8.20 £	31.8.19 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	1,661	3,009
Fees received from parents	28,120	33,400
EYSFF Funding	260,009	222,223
Uniform Orders	217	432
Supply cover/ training	200	-
	290,207	259,064
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	1,904	2,865
Holiday club	6,404	5,737
Other income	2,044	527
	10,352	9,129
Total incoming resources	300,559	268,193
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	203,169	185,550
Premises costs	14,864	12,853
Membership and Insurance	3,633	2,236
Telephone and internet	619	584
Consumables	3,368	3,208
Fees refunds	999	234
	226,652	204,665
Other trading activities		
Fundraising costs	273	95
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Other expenditure	27,493	2,967
Equipment and resources	9,228	11,198
Carried forward	36,721	14,165

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	31.8.20 £	31.8.19 £
Governance costs		
Brought forward	36,721	14,165
Petty cash expenses	1,282	2,219
	38,003	16,384
Total resources expended	264,928	221,144
Net income	35,631	47,049

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Ashton Vale Pre-School

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashton Vale Pre-School
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ashton Vale Pre-School (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies

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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

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