

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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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024. 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.

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

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- " 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.

Ashton Vale Pre-School

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1049791

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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)

Independent Examiner

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



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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.



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	<u>13,851</u>	<u>3,601</u>	<u>17,452</u>	<u>12,450</u>
Total		<u>279,591</u>	<u>3,601</u>	<u>283,192</u>	<u>259,203</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	3	<u>263,278</u>	<u>1,359</u>	<u>264,637</u>	<u>460,537</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		16,313	2,242	18,555	(201,334)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>28,395</u>	<u>7,275</u>	<u>35,670</u>	<u>237,004</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>44,708</u>	<u>9,517</u>	<u>54,225</u>	<u>35,670</u>

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		<u>44,708</u>	<u>9,517</u>	<u>54,225</u>	<u>35,670</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>44,708</u>	<u>9,517</u>	<u>54,225</u>	<u>35,670</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>44,708</u>	<u>9,517</u>	<u>54,225</u>	<u>35,670</u>
FUNDS	6				
Unrestricted funds				44,708	28,395
Restricted funds				<u>9,517</u>	<u>7,275</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>54,225</u>	<u>35,670</u>

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

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

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

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	<u>14,013</u>	<u>152,149</u>
	<u>263,278</u>	<u>456,879</u>

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.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

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	<u>10,877</u>	<u>1,573</u>	<u>12,450</u>
Total	<u>257,629</u>	<u>1,574</u>	<u>259,203</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	<u>456,879</u>	<u>3,658</u>	<u>460,537</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(199,250)	(2,084)	(201,334)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>227,645</u>	<u>9,359</u>	<u>237,004</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>28,395</u>	<u>7,275</u>	<u>35,670</u>

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	<u>7,275</u>	<u>2,242</u>	<u>9,517</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS	<u>35,670</u>	<u>18,555</u>	<u>54,225</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

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
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>283,192</u>	<u>(264,637)</u>	<u>18,555</u>

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
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>237,004</u>	<u>(201,334)</u>	<u>35,670</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

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)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>259,203</u>	<u>(460,537)</u>	<u>(201,334)</u>

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
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>237,004</u>	<u>(182,779)</u>	<u>54,225</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

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
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>542,395</u>	<u>(725,174)</u>	<u>(182,779)</u>

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

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	<u>546</u>	<u>244</u>
	265,740	246,753
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	5,290	2,371
Holiday club	9,702	8,466
Other income	<u>2,460</u>	<u>1,613</u>
	<u>17,452</u>	<u>12,450</u>
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	<u>629</u>	<u>1,999</u>
	249,265	304,730
Other trading activities		
Fundraising costs	1,359	3,658
Support costs		
Other		
Property refurbishments	-	126,233

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Ashton Vale Pre-School

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	<u>138</u>	<u>493</u>
	<u>14,013</u>	<u>25,916</u>
Total resources expended	<u>264,637</u>	<u>460,537</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>18,555</u>	<u>(201,334)</u>

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