

Kings Stanley Play Group

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King's Stanley



Playgroup

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Chairperson's Report

Hello and welcome, everyone.

Thank you for joining us today. It's wonderful to have so many of you here as we reflect on the past year and share our plans for the future.

As a committee-run playgroup, we rely on the support and involvement of our staff, committee members, and families. Your contributions make all the difference in creating a welcoming and supportive environment for our children.

This year, our dedicated staff have demonstrated exceptional commitment and passion, driving forward initiatives that have enriched our playgroup and supported every child's development.



Professional Development Opportunities and Staffing

The team have focused on growth and enhancing our playgroup's practices to ensure they provide the best care and learning experiences for the children. Some of what they've been up to:

- **Dingley's Promise Training:** All staff have completed Dingley's Promise training, which has been invaluable in helping them understand and support children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The training covered inclusive practices, managing challenging behaviours, and effective communication with families. It's been a fantastic resource for building confidence and skills in the team.
- **Child-Initiated Play Planning:** Changes have been made to the planning approach to encourage more child-initiated play and activities. While it's still a work in progress, they've seen positive outcomes and are committed to refining their practices to better support the children's autonomy and creativity.
- **Key Person Involvement in TAC Meetings:** Ensuring that the relevant key person attends and contributes to Team Around the Child (TAC) meetings has been a priority. Additionally, each key person maintains a copy of their child's My Plan Targets, ensuring consistent and collaborative support for every child.

- **Staff Qualifications and Progress:** We're thrilled to share that Karen has successfully completed her Level 3 qualification, and Maisy is on track to achieve the same by the end of the year. Their dedication to professional growth is commendable and reflects their commitment to maintaining high standards of care and education.
- **My Happy Mind Silver Accreditation:** The team are actively working towards achieving the My Happy Mind Silver accreditation, demonstrating their commitment to promoting mental well-being among staff and children.
- **Leadership Development:** With Rachel on maternity leave since January, Karen has stepped into the deputy role and has been doing an outstanding job. Her leadership has been essential in maintaining the smooth operation of the playgroup during this period.
- **Staff changes:** In January, we were pleased to welcome Kerry to the team. She has quickly become a valued member of staff and a great asset to the playgroup. Unfortunately, due to staffing changes, one team member has now left the setting. We will begin recruitment shortly to ensure we are fully staffed for the new term starting in September.
- **Enhancement of Outdoor Learning Environment:** Introducing new residents—a group of ducks and a rabbit—who now inhabit the newly constructed coop adjacent to brilliant new outdoor shelter. This addition not only enriches the children's learning experiences but also ensures that outdoor play is accessible throughout the year.

Our dedicated staff have organised a variety of engaging fundraising events this year including:

- **Sponsored Easter Bunny Hop:** Children hopped their way through the season in a sponsored event. It was a fun and active way to support playgroup.
- **Dance-a-Thon for Children in Need:** The energetic dance-a-thon had children and staff dancing the day away, raising money for BBC Children in Need. It was a fantastic way to get moving and support a worthy cause.

Committee Achievements This Year

Our committee has had a fantastic year, working together to support the playgroup and create memorable experiences for the children and families. Here's a look at what we've accomplished:

- **Streamlined Meetings for Better Engagement:** We have been holding meetings every half term, which has been a great way to keep things manageable and focused. Holding them online has also made it easier for parents to join in, even with busy evening schedules.
- **Casual and Social Fundraising:** We've embraced a relaxed approach to fundraising this year, with casual and social meetings that have been enjoyable and effective. It's been a wonderful way to connect with each other and support the playgroup in a fun, low-pressure environment.

- **Successful Fundraising Events:** Thanks to the hard work of both the playgroup staff and committee, we've hosted several successful fundraising events:
 - **Halloween Trail:** This year, we made the trail interactive with games and face painting along the route. It was a hit with the children and received great feedback from families.
 - **Christmas Event – 'Meet Father Christmas':** A magical experience for the children. Looking ahead, we'll consider the venue and format to make it even better next year.
 - **Sweets & Cakes Stall at the School Christmas Fayre:** We set up a stall offering a variety of festive treats and cakes. The stall was a hit with attendees. It was a wonderful opportunity to engage with the wider school community and spread some holiday cheer.
 - **Summer Fête – King's of King's Stanley Trail:** A highlight of the year, bringing the community together. We're exploring potential leadership for next year's event and are eager to collaborate closely with the school's PTFA in the hope that someone will take on the role
- **Tech Equipment Challenges:** We encountered some challenges with spending funds on tech equipment due to internet connectivity issues and sources appropriate equipment. However, we've agreed to explore the purchase of iPads or tablets for the new academic year to enhance learning opportunities.
- **Second-Hand Uniform Sale:** We're planning to run a second-hand uniform sale before the end of term, providing affordable options for families and promoting sustainability within our community.

Future Goals and Visions

Looking ahead, our focus remains on nurturing a playgroup that is inclusive, engaging, and responsive to the needs of our community. Here are our key aspirations for the coming year:

- **Meeting the Needs of Our Community:** We are committed to continually adapting our services to meet the evolving needs of the families we serve. By staying connected with our community, we aim to provide a supportive and responsive environment for all.
- **Enhancing Our Outdoor Learning Environment:** We plan to further develop our outdoor area to ensure it aligns with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework. This includes creating a space that offers diverse learning opportunities, promotes physical development, and encourages exploration.
- **Building Our Reputation as an Inclusive Playgroup:** We aim to strengthen our reputation as the playgroup of choice for families seeking an inclusive and supportive environment. This involves professional development and community engagement.
- **Supporting Staff Development:** We recognize that our staff are our greatest asset. Our goal is to provide ongoing support and opportunities for professional growth, ensuring they have the skills and resources to deliver high-quality care and education.

As we wrap up another busy and rewarding year at the playgroup, I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to its success. In particular, I want to acknowledge Vicki, our dedicated Manager, whose care and commitment to the children and families has been at the heart of everything.

A big thank you also to Iona, our hardworking Secretary, for keeping everything running smoothly behind the scenes, and to Kirsty, who has done a fantastic job leading our fundraising efforts — your organisation and energy have made a real difference.

To the whole committee, our volunteers, and all the families who attend and support the playgroup — thank you. It's your involvement and enthusiasm that keep our community thriving. I look forward to another exciting year ahead.

**KINGS STANEY PLAYGROUP
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 2025**

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 2025	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 2024
RECEIPTS		
Grants	160,625	138,641
Fees	<u>20,745</u>	<u>28,454</u>
	181,370	167,094
 Activities for Generating Funds		
Fund Raising	3,897	877
Other Receipts	<u>408</u>	<u>365</u>
	4,305	1,242
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 185,674	 168,337
 EXPENDITURE		
Direct Expenditure:		
Staff Wages & Pension	112,259	95,739
Social Security	6,886	11,072
Rent	9,000	8,879
Training	846	289
Petty Cash / Equipment/Snacks	<u>11,072</u>	<u>9,115</u>
	140,063	125,093
Other Expenditure:		
Insurance & Registration Fees	1,148	960
Admin / Cleaning Services	4,593	4,380
Art Equipment	0	0
Other Equipment/Improvements	4,890	85
Fund Raising / Other Expenses	<u>1,810</u>	<u>1,072</u>
	12,441	6,498
 TOTAL EXPENDITURE	 152,504	 131,591
 Net Increase/(decrease) in cash for the Year	 33,171	 36,746
Bank Accounts 1 st August 2024	79,753	43,007
Bank Accounts 31st July 2025	112,924	79,753

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	2025	2024
	£	£
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