

Hardwick Pre-School
Trustees Annual Report 2024 /2025

Charity name: Hardwick Pre-School

Registered charity number: 1059361

Principal address: Hardwick Pre-School
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Trustees: The Committee of Hardwick Pre-School:

Lucy Hill, Chair
Mrs Bethan Hosking Jones, Treasurer
Mrs Laura Jameson, Secretary
Mr James Wakeling
Mrs Lucy Chima
Mrs Lucy Davis
Mrs Hazel Alexander
Mrs Chloe Czarnecki
Mrs Fiona Drane
Mrs Alexandra Hallam
Mrs Lynda Wilson, Pre-School Manager

Senior Staff member: Mrs Lynda Wilson, Hardwick Pre-School Manager

Governing document: Pre-School Learning Alliance constitution
Adopted 14/3/1996

How the charity is constituted: Hardwick Pre-School is a trust.

Charity trustee selection methods:

The Officers and Committee members are elected for one year at the Annual General Meeting. Retiring Officers and Committee members are eligible for re-election unless they have already served on the Committee in any capacity for ten consecutive years. Not less

that 60 per cent of the Committee members, including co-opted members, shall at the time of election or co-option be Family Members. Family Members are parents or guardians of all children attending Hardwick Pre-School who wish to support the aims of the pre-school.

Summary of the objects of the charity:

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.

Summary of main activities in relation to these objects:

- 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;
- 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; ➤ Instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Early Years Alliance.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year:

We have provided high quality pre-school care and education for 42 children and their families from different ethnic backgrounds, and children with complex Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

We have supported children with Speech and Language difficulties, and an increasing cohort of children with English as an Additional Language.

We have continued to develop our delivery of the Early Years Foundation Stage and our extra-curricular goals. We have concentrated on developing our outdoor provision during this year. Following repairs to our decking area, we purchased 'literacy' and 'numeracy' sheds to reflect our indoor provision for our outdoor learners. We added a new table and chairs to this area as well as a large blackboard for mark making and we immediately noticed its positive impact on the targeted group. We revamped our outdoor play shed, painting it inside and out as well as adding a new vinyl floor. We installed a new mud kitchen, a 'sound' wall and a 'water' wall to offer new experiences and further enhance the children's learning experiences.

We have replaced and purchased toys and equipment such as small world sets, STEM sets and resources to support our expanding register of children with Special Educational Needs. As we learned about lifecycles we were able to hatch ducklings from eggs which had a huge impact on our children's learning, attention and language.

We have supported staff with training to enhance their skills in delivering the curriculum as well as meeting the needs of our cohort.

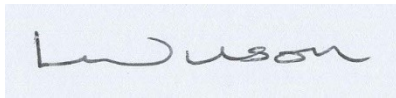
Policy on reserves:

Hardwick Pre-School maintains reserves in two deposit accounts. The first "staff account" is to pay for staff redundancies, should the need arise. The second "property account" is to

fund costs relating to the pre-school building including maintenance costs. The surplus funds in the current account meet fluctuations in receipts and payments, primarily for the Autumn term (September to December) when numbers of children attending are lower. Any profits are used to support predicted losses for the following academic year including salaries for Child Support Assistants for children with Special Educational Needs (who receive no additional funding at the time they start preschool) and to further enhance the learning environment for the pre-school children.

The report was prepared by Mrs Lynda Wilson, Hardwick Pre-School Manager and trustee.

Signature:

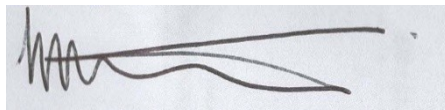
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Date: 14th January 2026

Mrs Lynda Wilson

The report has been approved by the trustees and is signed on behalf of all the trustees by Mrs Lucy Hill, Hardwick Pre-School Chair.

Signature:

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Date: 14th January 2026

Mrs Lucy Hill

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hardwick Preschool

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hardwick Preschool (the Charity) for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity, 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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 Charity 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.

Signed:

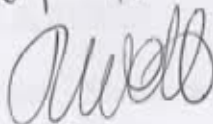
Name: Joanna Webb

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): Association of Accounting Technicians

Address: 20 Pershore Road, Hardwick

Date: 18/12/25

Signed:



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Accounts

September 2024 to August 2025

<u>Income</u>	£
Early Years Funding	112533.50
SENIF	19600.08
Fees	19970.79
Adhoc/Late fees	403.97
Fundraising	519.48
Committee Fundraising	5451.38
Starter packs (optional)	195.00
Milk	0.00
Uniform	0.00
Gift/Donation	235.00
Deposit a/c interest	606.86
MISC. inc goods refund, trip payments	2191.70
Total Income	161707.76

<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Wages inc Tax & National Insurance	141303.96
Fundraising	70.00
Committee Fundraising	1654.79
Inventory Toys/Equipment	1474.89
Activity Expenses	707.96
Property Expenses	2329.50
Office Expenses	2000.21
Milk/Refreshments	152.32
Cleaning	1265.64
Uniform	587.21
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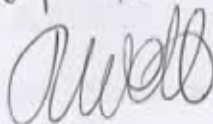
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