

BETCHWORTH AND BUCKLAND CHILDREN'S NURSERY
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2025

BETCHWORTH AND BUCKLAND CHILDREN'S NURSERY

SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

Charity Number 1059883

Trustees: M. Fisher (Chair)
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A. Laidler

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BETCHWORTH AND BUCKLAND CHILDREN'S NURSERY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their Report and the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2025.

Governing Document

The Nursery was governed by a trust deed dated 22nd September 1992. It was registered as a charity in 1996.

Trustees

Trustees are recruited on the basis of the skills required to administer the Nursery. Careful consideration is given to the appointment of Trustees so that all key areas of responsibility are adequately covered. Trustees are elected in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Objects

The object of the Nursery is to provide education for preschool-aged children and to serve as a potential recruiting area for North Downs Primary School. The Nursery is affiliated to the Early Years Alliance and is responsible to Ofsted.

Aims

The Nursery aims to provide an appropriate nursery experience for children up to 5 years old prior to entry into mainstream school.

Objectives and Significant Activities

The objective of the Nursery is to provide a high-quality pre-school experience for the children of Betchworth and Buckland, catering to all aspects of their diverse needs as outlined in the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework.

We endeavour to provide a stimulating environment with opportunities that develop our children's capabilities, competencies, and skills and where each individual can reach their potential. The last Ofsted inspection was in September 2024, and we received a 'Good' judgement. We continue to provide a high-quality experience for the children in our care, ensuring that they leave us as confident and active learners. We are confident that we offer exciting, well-resourced learning environments both in the nursery classroom and outside.

The Nursery is open on Mondays and Fridays from 09:15 to 13:15 and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 09:15 to 14:45 for 38 weeks per year. The oldest children are invited to participate in a programme of more formal afternoon activities in the Summer Term in preparation for their next step on the 'education' ladder. Activities are planned to reflect the requirements of the Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Our local environment serves as a learning resource, and the children's moral and spiritual education is enhanced through visits to the local Parish Church at significant times of the year. The children often enjoy taking walks and visiting our nearby farm. We enjoy visiting a local residential home for older people, where we join together for music and craft sessions. Children's progress, development and achievements are recorded in individual records, which are shared with parents. These records are also used as a 'transition' tool when children are preparing to leave to join a mainstream school. The Nursery employs a team of qualified, experienced staff.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

Annual General Meeting 2025

Chairperson's Report

September

The year started with our Ofsted inspection in the second week of the academic year. Our inspector was also being inspected. We were very proud of our Good outcome.

October

Katrina went on maternity leave, and we welcomed baby Arthur to the team.

December

Festive fun, we held our Christmas singing and reading of the nativity in the school hall, this year we combined it with Friends holding their raffle and a chance for parents to have a coffee and a catch up. We also walked to the church to see their beautiful Christmas tree and nativity scene. All children received a book for Christmas.

February

We made Valentine's cards and walked to the post office to post them to our families.

March

World Book Day celebrations, our traditional celebration of bedtime stories, meant we wore our pyjamas to nursery and shared our favourite books to share at bedtime.

May

We started our preparations for our school leavers with Laura attending transition meetings.

July

Our last week of term is always fun-filled. On Monday, we had our school leavers party, dancing to our favourite songs and enjoying party food. Parents were then invited to a certificate giving ceremony and all children received a leavers medal.

On Tuesday, we had a dressing-up day to raise money for The Brain Tumour Charity, as one of our families needed the support of this charity this year.

We ended the week at Priory Farm, completing the discovery walk, sharing a picnic and enjoying a tractor ride. The weather was beautiful, and as always, it was a wonderful end to the year and a chance to say goodbye.

Over the summer, the nursery was decorated internally and externally, it was so lovely to come back and see the green roof back to glory.

Marnie Fisher

Chair of the Management Committee

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

Financial Activities

Total incoming resources for the year ended **31 August 2025** were **£132,332** (2024: £124,806). The majority of income was received through **Early Years Funding of £107,873**, together with **Fees of £22,729** and **Bank interest of £1,700**.

Total expenditure amounted to **£118,090** (2024: £106,200). The largest proportion relates to **Staff wages and employment costs**, reflecting the staffing levels required to maintain high-quality early years provision. Expenditure also included staff training, utilities, insurance and operational supplies. **Property maintenance costs** increased during the year due to essential repairs and improvements to the premises, including roof repairs, external and internal decoration of the building, decoration of metal railings, and damp-proofing works to the walls.

Net incoming resources for the year were **£14,241**, increasing total funds carried forward to **£117,033**.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to maintain sufficient free reserves to cover at least three months of normal expenditure. Additionally, they hope to build reserves to cover any additional staff costs should they be necessary.

Risk Management

The Trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems have been designed and established to mitigate those risks. The Trustees review this policy annually.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have complied with the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

Trustees' Responsibility for the Accounts

We acknowledge as Trustees our responsibility to prepare statements of account for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing those financial statements, we are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- d) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

As Trustees we are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity, and to enable us to ensure that the statements of account comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. We are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and, hence, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on ...24th March 2026.... and signed on their behalf by:

M. Fisher  **(Chair of Trustees)**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BETCHWORTH AND BUCKLAND CHILDREN'S NURSERY

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2025, which are set out on pages 8 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiners

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) does not apply and an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, I do not express an opinion as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below..

Independent examiner's statement

No matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me reasonable cause to believe:

- a) that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in respect of the Charity in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- b) that the accounts do not agree with the records; or
- c) that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

No matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination, to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr S Cooper, FCCA
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Date.....24th March 2026.....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2025

GENERAL FUND

INCOMING RESOURCES

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Early Years Funding	107,873	95,640
Fees	22,729	26,866
Donations	-	4
Registration fees	-	75
Sales of sweatshirts, photos & misc.	30	416
Bank interest (gross)	1700	1805
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	132,332	124,806

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Direct Charitable Expenditure

Wages & National Insurance	81,806	72,475
Pension Contributions	3,212	3,873
Staff training and additional labour	7,813	8,016
Rent reserve	1,500	1,500
Rates	549	549
Water rates	482	386
Toys, equipment & activities	1,327	3,192
Playground discovery area (Maintenance)	545	1,760
Purchases of sweatshirts, photos etc	600	-
Catering and domestic supplies	1,364	515
Office supplies, photocopying and paper	226	222
Computer costs	228	2071
Insurance and Fire protection	1,781	1,781
Light & Heat	2,009	2,089
Property maintenance	12,020	3,803
Subscriptions	251	314
Telephone	945	941
Advertising and promotion	-	35
Accountancy	1,379	2,568
Other professional services	-	50
Bank Charges	55	60
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	£118,090	£106,200

NET INCOMING RESOURCES

TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD

TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

	£14,241	£18,606
	£102,792	£84,186
	£117,033	£102,792

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st AUGUST 2025

	<u>2,025</u>	<u>2,024</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank: Current account	59,861	36,153
Deposit account	84,584	94,224
Petty Cash balance	350	-
Debtors	-	-
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	144,795	130,377
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors:		
PAYE	-	474
Accruals	504	1096
Rent reserve	27,258	26,015
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	27,762	27,585
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NET CURRENT ASSETS	117,033	102,792
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TOTAL ASSETS	£117,033	£102,792
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CHARITY FUNDS		
General fund brought forward	102,792	84,186
General fund	£14,241	£18,606
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	£117,033	£102,792
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Approved by the trustees on24th March 2026..... and signed on their behalf by:


M Fisher Chair of Trustees

The notes on page 10 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31st AUGUST 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting by Charities.

Income

Donations and fundraising are accounted for when received by the Nursery.

Grants and nursery fees are also accounted for when received.

2. GIFTS IN KIND

The Charity receives the benefit of work carried out by volunteers, and no value has been placed on this.