

#### Domino Pre-School Committee Chair's Report 2025

First we must thank the staff for their outstanding hard work providing wonderful care for the children and families who are part of Domino. We are very fortunate to have their commitment and belief in doing the very best job they can. Thank you also to our trustees, without whom, we simply wouldn't be able to open. There have been a number of changes since September 2024 which have a great benefit to Domino. Beginning with the care and learning provided, and staff development:

- We've been given permission from the URC to use the church space in addition to the Hall. This has made it possible to provide a dedicated napping area for our younger children and allow those in the main Hall uninterrupted learning and play time. When the weather is poor, we use the church space for an indoor soft play area with some large donated soft play bricks. We also use the church for drop off and pick up, providing easier flow for families as they enter and leave.
- There is now a regular cooking session for the children and we've replenished our maths resources, with the generous support of the Wrights Clock Fund. A member of the team became an accredited 'Maths Champion' making us a recognised maths champion setting.
- We looked at the core skills for literacy and embedded some extra sessions alongside helicopter stories. We now have a weekly 'Wiggle to Squiggle' session, where gross motor skills are worked on using scarves, to music. We also have 'play-dough disco' where more fine motor finger exercises are done with a small amount of play-dough. These in combination help support early literacy and mark making skills pre-pencil writing.
- Two members of the team completed a course called 'Making it REAL' which supports staff to embed literacy skills in children and their families. We are implementing a range of ideas in setting. This will continue this academic year (25/26), and we will be able to feedback next AGM how our year of literacy went.
- We replaced the sandpit with a larger 'sit in' design and it has greatly benefited the children's imaginative play, encouraging things like an 'Ice Cream Shop' and sandcastle building. This together with our continued commitment to regular forest school sessions adapted to the ages of the children and run for smaller groups throughout the week is a core part of our outdoor provision. The children visit our local recreation ground on short walks and learn road safety.
- Another member of the team completed a course by Anna Ephgrave, responsible for the pedagogy which Domino follows, 'planning in the moment'. Insight was gained on how well we've established this method and how to make it a natural part of the setting.
- Two members of the team are due to complete their L3 apprenticeship course very soon, which will give the setting two more L3 staff members.
- Our cohort data shows that most children leave Dominoes 'school ready' and are on track for their transition into school.
- Our manager and deputy manager met with the Wright's Clock Trustees, to share some of the things that have been possible in setting due to the Fund's generosity. We shared plans for the after-school sessions to continue, and those bids were renewed.



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- Finally, we introduced a new Room Leader role, to support the development of our staff. Two members of the team have taken this on as a role share, which has worked well. This has also allowed our Manager and Deputy Manager to develop their roles. Our Deputy Manager is now fully responsible for the day to day running of the team, as Manager. Allowing for our Manager to move into an Executive Manager role, taking a longer term view<sup>2</sup> of the health of the pre-school, and supporting the change of the charity to a CIO.

In February 2025 the Committee approved that Domino Pre-School Unincorporated Association should change to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The members were consulted and the process was finally approved at the end of June 2025. Over the course of the summer the initial application to Ofsted was made and details for the Charity Commission paperwork gathered. This process will continue through 25/26. As of the AGM the Charity Commission has approved the registration of Domino Pre-School CIO. During the course of 24/25 discussion with our landlord, the URC continued on potential works to improve the Hall and Church. The URC and Domino agreed to work together on an application for funding to support the works. Whilst the larger funding application is still in the process of being reviewed by the funding providers a number of smaller scale works have been completed to improve the site:

- The bathrooms were redecorated in the summer holidays. They have had the walls treated, repainted and new extractor fans installed.
- Work has also been done to rebuild the boundary wall to the front of the site.

**Domino Nursery School**

**Financial Accounts**

**For the year ended 31 August 2025**

**Taylor Keeble LLP**

**Chartered Accountants**

**Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees of Domino Nursery School**  
**Accounts for the Year Ended**  
**31 August 2025**

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**Basis of independent examiners' statement**

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given 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**

In connection with our examination, no material matters have come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements :
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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For and on behalf of Taylor Keeble LLP  
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22 April 2026

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**Domino Nursery School**  
**Financial statements**  
**as at 31 August 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Early Years Credit	135,428	133,588
Fees & Deposits Received	67,128	53,704
Fundraising	502	44
Other	783	13,024
Bank Interest	250	406
Grant Income	27,483	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>231,574</u>	<u>200,766</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Accountancy charges	484	1,270
Admin costs	1,326	3,887
Cleaning costs	3,811	2,460
Food and drink	579	633
Insurance	3,263	332
Printer hire	786	329
Rent	16,308	12,108
Staff costs	197,515	150,855
Staff welfare	1,067	-
Subscriptions	260	-
Sundry	5,417	1,744
Telephone and website	429	412
Toys/equipment	1,015	6,150
Training costs	1,025	1,498
<b>Total Payments</b>	<u>233,285</u>	<u>181,678</u>
<b>(Deficit) surplus for the year</b>	<u>(1,711)</u>	<u>19,088</u>
<b>Balances brought Forward</b>		
Bank account	57,187	37,951
Deposit account	24,361	23,955
Petty Cash	494	376
Creditors	<u>(1,270)</u>	<u>(597)</u>
	80,772	61,684
Add (deficit) surplus	<u>(1,711)</u>	<u>19,088</u>
	<u>79,061</u>	<u>80,772</u>
<b>Balances carried forward</b>		
Bank account	55,279	57,187
Deposit account	24,611	24,361
Petty Cash	231	494
Creditors	<u>(1,060)</u>	<u>(1,270)</u>
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