

# BLAKENEY UNDER FIVES

England & Wales · Charity number 1060878

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1997-02-21

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT, CARE AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN PRIMARILY UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE AND ALSO OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OF SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS.....

**Activities:** Ofsted registered Pre-school, toddler, young people and parent group.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- Gloucestershire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£110,000	£104,397	-	-
2024-08-31	£100,591	£99,357	-	-
2023-08-31	£77,126	£93,656	-	-
2022-08-31	£87,310	£81,792	-	-
2021-08-31	£40,847	£49,380	-	-
2020-08-31	£56,096	£57,135	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JODIE DAWSON		2025-11-17
KELLY PHILLIPS		2025-11-17
MELANIE OTTAWAY		2025-11-17
Rachael Maher		2018-05-22
kerrie-ann HURSE		2025-11-17

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Sept 2024  
Period end date

Period start date To August 2025

**Charity name: Blakeney Under Fives**

**Charity registration number: 1060878**

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>The charity works for the public benefit having as its objective the development and education of children and young people, in particular by:</b> <b>(1) promoting their care and safety,</b> <b>(2) promoting their education and promoting parental involvement,</b> <b>(3) promoting their health and wellbeing,</b> <b>(4) providing services to support them and their families and carers.</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>Our main activity is to deliver, within our fully inclusive setting for 2–5 year olds, the Early Year Foundation Stage. To do this we employ childcare managers and practitioners who undertake joint daily planning of activities to meet the needs and interests of the children attending our setting. We deploy a key person approach to ensure that the progress and well-being of all individual children is constantly monitored and feeds into future planning.</b> <b>We ensure that our staff are well trained and hence able to successfully meet the needs of the children in our care. We promote the importance of the learning environment and endeavour to make this</b> <b>as stimulating as possible. We listen to the views of children, parents and staff and use this feedback to inform our improvement work. We accurately assess our children and provide this information to GCC and outside support agencies as requested. We develop positive relationships with parents and carers.</b>

		<b>We value all children as individuals and celebrate Britain's diversity of culture of ethnicity. We help the children in our care to be happy and healthy. We have policies and procedures in place for all aspects of safeguarding, child protection and health and safety, and we use staff training days and meetings to ensure all staff are competent in these. We follow the recommendations offered by GCC specialists and the guidance available from PATA.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>In all our work, we (the trustees) have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</b>

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>We have no policy of grant making and are not involved in grant making.</b>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<b>Similarly, we have no policy on social investment as we are not involved in social investments</b>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

### **Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p><b>We have an established, stable and proactive committee of dedicated volunteers.</b></p> <p><b>All of our practitioners continue to complete regular bespoke training to ensure that they are confident in the latest Early Years practice. Our most experienced staff continue to support all staff as they learn the skills of the role. We continue to complete audits and review policies annually, in line with feedback from managers and staff and those recommendations of the GCC and PATA</b></p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Other</p>		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p><b>At the end of the financial year (31 August 2025) we had a balance of £47,163.42 in our current account, reserve account and cash in hand</b></p> <p><b>Income increased by £9,408.96 from 2024 – due to increased numbers of children, increased nursery funding and increased chargeable fees..</b></p> <p><b>In line with the increased number of children, our outgoings over the financial year also increased by £5040.29</b></p> <p><b>This means we finished the financial year with a profit of £5603.43 – which helps offset some of the previous years (2023) loss.</b></p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p><b>Our policy is to hold the equivalent of 2 term's funds as a reserve. (There are 6 terms within our financial year.) This enables us to manage our cash flow during the autumn months (Terms 1 &amp; 2), when our income is significantly lower and would enable us to pay our staff should the PreSchool need to close for a period of time due to unforeseen circumstances, such as building damage.</b></p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£10,192.06</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>No funds are materially in deficit currently.</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>There are no uncertainties with regards the charity continuing as a going concern, we are currently nearing capacity and have new committee members in the process of signing up</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<b>The charity's principal sources of funds are fees and funding received from children attending the Pre-School . We receive some funding via fundraising.</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
		<b>One of the principal risks facing the charity is the continued low government</b>

<p>A description of the principal risks facing the charity</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p><b>funding of childcare places. The amount of funding received per child has not increased proportionally in line with inflation. We have seen additional increases in</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NI contributions</b></li> <li>• <b>Employer pension contributions</b></li> <li>• <b>Minimum wage</b></li> <li>• <b>Cost of living – food,cleaning products etc</b></li> <li>• <b>Increased cost of resources</b></li> <li>• <b>Increased cost of equipment</b></li> <li>• <b>Increased cost in maintenance + improvements</b></li> </ul> <p><b>We are not permitted by GCC to charge ‘top up fee’s’ to funded children to cover the shortfall.</b></p>
<p>Other</p>		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>Unincorporated</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>New trustees may volunteer or be nominated and appointed by current Trustees</b>

### Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<b>Trustees complete DBS checks in line with statutory requirements. Trustees meet and work collaboratively on all aspects of the role. Induction and training takes place as part of regular meetings.</b>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<b>The work of Blakeney Pre-School is overseen by a Committee of parents and former parents. The Pre-School management structure consists of two well qualified and experienced joint Childcare Managers. The Pre-School additionally employs a Deputy Childcare Manager . The Pre-School work regularly with a number of GCC professionals, namely the Early years team and Early help. We also attend Early Years Network and Briefing Sessions hosted by GHCC. Our Pre-School is on the site of Blakeney Primary School and, although we are a separate organisation, we liaise regularly.</b>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Blakeney Under fives
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Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1060878
Charity's principal address	The Lodge, C/O Blakeney School, High Street, Blakeney, Glos, GL154EB



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Cathy Rowlands, Rachael Thomas – Preschool managers

## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

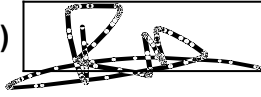
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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

R Maher

Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

4.6.2026

# Blakeney Under Fives Preschool

Sep '24 - Aug 25

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Bank Interest Earned	94.35
Funding	90,281.78
Sales Income (Fees)	19,624.61

Total Income 110,000.74

Gross Profit 110,000.74

Expense

Advertising	362.65
Craft/Resources	1,663.85
Dues and Subscriptions	527.88
Depreciation Expense	280.09
Insurance Expense	1,390.61

Office Expense

Cleaning	332.68
Software/Stationery	398.76
Professional Fees	1,005.80
Rent and Rates	394.21
Repairs and Maintenance	905.74
Snack Expense	1,820.75
Telephone	90.00
Toys & Books	133.93
Training	267.50
Wages	93,270.26
Pension Contributions	1,552.60

Total Expense 104,397.31

Profit for the Year 5,603.43

2024-2025 Notes: -

Fundraising – No Recorded fundraising activities.

Lloyds Bank Balance: -

As per statement 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025: £36849.91

Blakeney Under Fives

As per statement 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 £10286.41

Cash in hand

As of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 £27.10, (based on last total assumed £265.69 cash sales figure to bring this from a negative balance)

Accounts Payable August 2025 – Nothing outstanding.

Grants- Not sure if any of the funding maybe grants, all Gloucestershire CC Income included under Funding.

Equipment – No new equipment for Tangible Assets

Payroll – have assumed a pension contribution rate of 3% for employer pension contributions and spilt accordingly

Unpaid invoices August 2025 (Debtors) No Visual of Fees outstanding at end of 2025, assumed nothing outstanding.

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**August 2022**

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		<p><b>needs of the children in our care. We promote the importance of the learning environment and endeavour to make this as stimulating as possible. We listen to the views of children, parents and staff and use this feedback to inform our improvement work. We accurately assess our children and provide this information to GCC and outside support agencies as requested. We develop positive relationships with parents and carers. We value all children as individuals and celebrate Britain's diversity of culture of ethnicity. We help the children in our care to be happy and healthy. We have policies and procedures in place for all aspects of safeguarding, child protection and health and safety, and we use staff training days and meetings to ensure all staff are competent in these. We follow the recommendations offered by GCC specialists and the guidance available from PATA.</b></p>
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Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>There are no uncertainties with regards the charity continuing as a going concern, however we are finding committee members difficult to recruit, and continue to look into other possibilities for managing Blakeney Preschool.</b>

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A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p><b>One of the principal risks facing the charity is the continued low government funding of childcare places. The amount of funding received per child has not increased proportionally in line with inflation. We have seen additional increases in</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>• NI contributions</b></li> <li><b>• Employer pension contributions</b></li> <li><b>• Minimum wage</b></li> <li><b>• Cost of living - food,cleaning products etc</b></li> <li><b>• Increased cost of resources</b></li> <li><b>• Increased cost of equipment</b></li> <li><b>• Increased cost in maintenance + improvements</b></li> </ul> <p><b>We are not permitted by GCC to charge 'top up fee's' to funded children.</b></p>
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Other name the charity uses	
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**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	R Maher	Chair		
2	J Sandford	Secretary		
3	TBC	treasurer		
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

<b>Director name</b>		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	


## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Cathy Rowlands, Rachael Thomas - Preschool managers

### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details


### Other optional information

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

		
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Full name(s)

R Maher

Position (eg  
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

29.6.23

# Blakeney Under Fives Preschool

## Profit & Loss

September 2021 through August 2022

Sep '21 - Aug 22

### Ordinary Income/Expense

#### Income

Bank Interest Earned	1.28
Funding	61,631.89
Grants	2,165.18
Sales Income (Fees)	23,512.51

**Total Income** 87,310.86

**Gross Profit** 87,310.86

#### Expense

Advertising	269.40
Craft/Resources	734.65
Dues and Subscriptions	457.86
Depreciation Expense	97.49
Equipment	1,766.97
Insurance Expense	1,061.33
Miscellaneous Expense	407.08

#### Office Expense

Cleaning	992.15
Software	59.99
Stationery	337.78

**Total Office Expense** 1,389.92

Professional Fees	777.40
Rent and Rates	327.68
Repairs and Maintenance	551.05
Seasonal	93.54
Snack Expense	1,408.53
Telephone	60.00
Toys & Books	904.22
Training	376.50
Wages	68,416.29
Pension Contributions	2,692.73

**Total Expense** 81,792.64

**Net Ordinary Income** 5,518.22

**Profit for the Year** 5,518.22

2021-2022 Notes: -

Fundraising – nothing assuming due to Covid and school restrictions

Lloyds Bank Balance: -

As per statement 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022: £47018.31

Blakeney Under Fives

As per statement 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022 £10013.43

Have assumed interest of 0.19 for missing statements between Jan – Feb 2022.

Cash in hand

As of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 £25.73.

No cash received due to covid restrictions, all paid via bacs

Accounts Payable at August 2022 – Nothing outstanding.

Grants

13/10/2021 Glos CC - £1972.48 – check

08/03/2022 HMRC - £192.70

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# Blakeney preschool

c/o Blakeney School  
Blakeney  
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GL154EB

## Annual report 2020 - 2021



Charity Number 1060878  
Ofsted Registration Number 510052  
PATA member setting

### Mission statement

**At Blakeney pre-school we aim to help ALL children be the best they can be, by supporting them and their families during their important early years .**

## Structure, governance and

Type of governing document	PATA model constitution
How the charity is constituted	
Trustee selection methods	Nomination by outgoing committee members (Trustees) and parents at the Annual General Meeting.

All Blakeney Preschool policies and procedures abide by the laws regulating child care including The Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years (2014), The Children and Families Act 2014 and the Data Protection Act 2018 thereby conforming to the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (2017) as laid out by these acts.

Blakeney Preschool is a Pre-school and is managed by Cathy Rowlands and Rachael Thomas, assisted by a committee of members. Committee members complete DBS checks in line with statutory requirements.

Blakeney Preschool is registered with and inspected by OFSTED and have consistently achieved a "Good" evaluation. Our latest inspection dated June 2018 is available on request or on the Ofsted Website.

Blakeney Preschool is run as a charity for the public benefit of the children in the local area with the purpose of enhancing their education, explicitly during their preschool years by providing a safe, caring, supportive and stimulating range of learning activities, so that they are well prepared for statutory schooling.

Blakeney Preschool is a friendly village preschool that has been established for a number of years. We promote a safe, caring, supportive and child orientated environment for learning to take place through play.

We offer a range of provision that provides quality care and education in the foundation stage for young children between the ages of 2 years and 5 years, with up to 24 children per session, for five days per week in term time.

We are run by a management committee of volunteers we work within the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework. We follow set policies and procedures to ensure we continue to operate legally and ethically.

For the period of this business, we aim to ultimately offer our families, friendly, high quality and affordable childcare which where possible allows them to access full nursery education entitlement.

Blakeney Preschool managers and staff review and amend the policies/ procedures throughout the year.

Every policy has been reviewed in time for our yearly AGM, normally in the autumn term where they are formally adopted. A full set of updated policies is kept at the Pre-School. Parents have access to view the policies online on Tapestry or our website.

### **Our objectives and activities**

Blakeney Preschool was originally opened at the church rooms many years ago, the group moved to our own purpose built setting in the grounds of Blakeney School approx. 15 years ago . The new premises offered outdoor facilities that were sorely lacking at the Church rooms, along with a space designed especially for Early Years children .

Blakeney Preschool cater for children aged 2 years to 5 years. We offer 15 hours free funding through the government's scheme from the term after children have turned 3 or for eligible 2-year olds. We also offer 30-hour funding for eligible 3 and 4 year olds, over 38 weeks a year. We are open Monday to Friday from 8.20am to 2.30 pm.

We aim to be very flexible and work with parents to support their needs. Some children attend just mornings, and some all day. We also offer funded children additional hours (up to 30 per week ) parents pay for this service.

Blakeney Preschool promotes child-centred learning through play. Play is the foundation for learning and creative problem solving. Through good quality play children learn at their highest level, enabling them to actively be involved in their learning. To concentrate, persist, create and co-operate to deal with world materials, situations and people without discriminating.

Our highly qualified practitioners are committed to promote a safe, clean environment (both inside and out) and work within each child's comfort zone to ensure optimal social, emotional and educational results.

We make full use of our outdoor area, as we recognise the opportunities and benefits that outdoor play provides. We plan and provide resources to enable the children to develop in all areas of learning when utilising both the indoor and outdoor areas. We offer free flow play, realising the positive effects for the children and the setting.

Blakeney Preschool is in receipt of Nursery Education Funding from the Local Educational Authority. As a charity, Blakeney Preschool Management comprises of the preschool managers and parent Volunteers.

### **Organisational structure**

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During this financial period we continue to work through the Covid crisis - we ensured we followed all Govt guidelines and remained open to support our frontline worker parents and provide consistency and a feeling of 'normality' for our children. As can be seen from our financial information - we were hit by the Covid crisis - although costs remained steady - income dropped dramatically. We had lockdowns to adhere to, parents were making the choices not to send their children to Pre-school to keep them safe, and the number of new parent enquiries stopped.

Our costs did not fall in line with income -as we continued to keep all staff employed in the setting - as we were hoping the situation would improve, and did not want to make any of our reliable team redundant or cut hours. We had increased cleaning costs , PPE costs and additional staff hours for increased deep cleaning.

We were not able to undertake any fundraising due to Covid restrictions - meaning all purchases came from our account - and not from any additional funds raised.

Thankfully we were able to maintain our level of service as we have a good contingency plan - although this is not sustainable indefinitely.

Our staff have shown the upmost dedication and support during this financial period of uncertainty and we are extremely grateful .

We continue to advocate strong professional development for all our staff, and our team have continued to complete many training courses.

We are expecting to make a smaller loss in 2021 / 2022 , but new children have began to restart their preschool sessions and we are hopeful that moving forward things will begin to improve financially.

C Rowlands

Manager



## Blakeney Under Fives Preschool

	<u>Sep '20 - Aug 21</u>	<u>Sep '19 - Aug 20</u>
<b>Statement for Financial Activities</b>		
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		
<b>Voluntary Income</b>	40,847.07	55,904.09
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>	0.00	190.62
<b>Total Income Resources</b>	<u>40,847.07</u>	<u>56,094.71</u>
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<b>Resources Expended</b>		
<b>Cost of Generating Voluntary Income (Expense)</b>	48,711.99	56,250.14
<b>Governance costs</b>	668.50	885.70
<b>Total Resources expended</b>	<u>49,380.49</u>	<u>57,135.84</u>
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>	<u>-8,533.42</u>	<u>-1,041.13</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>		
<b>Total Funds brought forward</b>	<u>113,750.66</u>	<u>114,791.79</u>
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<u>105,217.24</u>	<u>113,750.66</u>

## Blakeney Under Fives Preschool

	<u>Sep '20 - Aug 21</u>	<u>Sep '19 - Aug 20</u>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible Assets	53,775.48	53,385.52
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	51,679.26	60,750.54
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<u>51,679.26</u>	<u>60,750.54</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	237.50	385.40
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>237.50</u>	<u>385.40</u>
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>	<u>105,217.24</u>	<u>113,750.66</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>105,217.24</u>	<u>113,750.66</u>
<b>Funds</b>		
Unrestricted Funds	<u>105,217.24</u>	<u>113,750.66</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>105,217.24</u>	<u>113,750.66</u>

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# Accounts

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# Blakeney preschool

c/o Blakeney School  
Blakeney  
Gloucestershire  
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## Annual report 2019 - 2020



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### Mission statement

**At Blakeney pre-school we aim to help ALL children be the best they can be, by supporting them and their families during their important early years .**

## Structure, governance and

Type of governing document	PATA model constitution
How the charity is constituted	
Trustee selection methods	Nomination by outgoing committee members (Trustees) and parents at the Annual General Meeting.

All Blakeney Preschool policies and procedures abide by the laws regulating child care including The Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years (2014), The Children and Families Act 2014 and the Data Protection Act 2018 thereby conforming to the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (2017) as laid out by these acts.

Blakeney Preschool is a Pre-school and is managed by Cathy Rowlands and Rachael Thomas, assisted by a committee of members. Committee members complete DBS checks in line with statutory requirements.

Blakeney Preschool is registered with and inspected by OFSTED and have consistently achieved a "Good" evaluation. Our latest inspection dated June 2018 is available on request or on the Ofsted Website.

Blakeney Preschool is run as a charity for the public benefit of the children in the local area with the purpose of enhancing their education, explicitly during their preschool years by providing a safe, caring, supportive and stimulating range of learning activities, so that they are well prepared for statutory schooling.

Blakeney Preschool is a friendly village preschool that has been established for a number of years. We promote a safe, caring, supportive and child orientated environment for learning to take place through play. We offer a range of provision that provides quality care and education in the foundation stage for Young children between the ages of 2 years and 5 years, with up to 24 children per session, for five days per week in term time.

We are run by a management committee of volunteers we work within the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework. We follow set policies and procedures to ensure we continue to operate legally and ethically.

For the period of this business Strategy we aim to ultimately offer our families, friendly, high quality and affordable childcare which where possible allows them to access full nursery education entitlement.

Blakeney Preschool managers and staff review and amends the policies/ procedures throughout the year.

Every policy has been reviewed in time for our yearly AGM, normally in the autumn term where they are formally adopted. A full set of updated policies is kept at the Pre-School. Parents have access to view the policies online on Tapestry or our website.

### **Our objectives and activities**

Blakeney Preschool was originally opened at the church rooms many years ago, the group moved to our own purpose built setting in the grounds of Blakeney School approx. 15 years ago . The new premises offered outdoor facilities that were sorely lacking at the Church rooms, along with a space designed especially for Early Years children .

Blakeney Preschool cater for children aged 2 years to 5 years. We offer 15 hours free funding through the government's scheme from the term after children have turned 3 or for eligible 2-year olds. We also offer 30-hour funding for eligible 3 and 4 year olds, over 38 weeks a year. We are open Monday to Friday from 8.20am to 2.30 pm.

We aim to be very flexible and work with parents to support their needs. Some children attend just mornings, and some all day. We also offer funded children additional hours (up to 30 per week ) parents pay for this service.

Blakeney Preschool promotes child-centred learning through play. Play is the foundation for learning and creative problem solving. Through good quality play children learn at their highest level, enabling them to actively be involved in their learning. To concentrate, persist, create and co-operate to deal with world materials, situations and people without discriminating.

Our highly qualified practitioners are committed to promote a safe, clean environment (both inside and out) and work within each child's comfort zone to ensure optimal social, emotional and educational results.

We make full use of our outdoor area, as we recognise the opportunities and benefits that outdoor play provides. We plan and provide resources to enable the children to develop in all areas of learning when utilising both the indoor and outdoor areas. We offer free flow play, realising the positive effects for the children and the setting.

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<b>Activities for generating funds</b>	190.62	463.99
<b>Total Income Resources</b>	<u>56,094.71</u>	<u>56,244.67</u>
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<b>Resources Expended</b>		
<b>Cost of Generating Voluntary Income (Expense)</b>	56,250.14	54,888.35
<b>Governance costs</b>	885.70	754.90
<b>Total Resources expended</b>	<u>57,135.84</u>	<u>55,643.25</u>
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>	<u>-1,041.13</u>	<u>601.42</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>		
<b>Total Funds brought forward</b>	<u>114,791.79</u>	<u>114,190.37</u>
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