

ST PETERS FURZE PLATT LITTLE FISHES PRESCHOOL

REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Trading Name:	The charity trades under the abbreviation Little Fishes Preschool
Charity Number:	1070343
Principal Address:	Furze Platt War Memorial Hall, 75 Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7NG (at 31 August 2025)
Trading Address:	Furze Platt War Memorial Hall, 75 Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7NG

TABLE OF TRUSTEES:

NAME	OFFICE	DATE APPOINTED (if during 2024/25)	DATE RESIGNED (if during 2024/25)
Hannah Redman	Chair		
Rob Harris	Vice Chair		
Nicky Freemantle	Secretary		15/01/2025
Tim Eldridge	Treasurer		
Charlotte Gage			
Lilian McKie			
Darlene Davies			
Daniella Lovejoy			

GOVERNING DOCUMENT:

The Charity is governed by the procedures laid down in its Constitution. This was initially adopted on 13 May 1998. Amendments have been made and approved by the Preschool Committee and Parochial Church Council, at the AGMs held on 5 May 2010 and 17 October 2017.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY:

1. To enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age, primarily within the parish of Furze Platt.
2. To promote and encourage Christian and British Values.

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT:

The charity is run by a management committee of voluntary trustees who receive no remuneration or benefits for the work they undertake in managing the Preschool. The Trustees are mostly drawn from parents of children who attend or have attended the Preschool in the recent past.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS AND ACTIVITIES

1. Overview:

There was a surplus after fundraising of £22,180 compared to a deficit of £8,600 in 2023/24. This shift is mainly due much higher numbers of children, and a 2025/26 RWBM funding payment of £12,055 landing slightly early (August 2025). There was also additional £2,949 insurance payment for a flood at the preschool, which wasn't fully spent this year and will carry forward to 2025/26.

2. Direct Income:

RWBM continue to provide most of the income to the Preschool based on predetermined Government funding rates. In addition to this funding, parents pay session fees for those children who are not eligible for funding due to their age or additional hours attended. The session fees payable by parents remained the same at £6.25 per hour, with each session lasting 3.75 hours. Four sessions a week enable all children to achieve their full 15-hour entitlement from the Government. The preschool now offers extended hours 2 days a week (6 hours/session), offered to those with 35-hour Government funding to make better use of their funded hours. Average pupil NOR (numbers on roll) for the year were 30, with 37 at the end of Summer term.

3. Direct Costs:

The total direct costs rose from £104,747 in 2023/24 to £107,693 in 2024/25. The Preschool's main costs are staff costs and rent. This year staff costs increased by £3,970 to £89,187, mainly due to wage increases to align with the National Living Wage increase (around 9.8%). The rent cost was £13,914, compared to £13,174 last year due to an increase in hourly rate, as well as an increase in pre-school hours 2 days each week. The preschool also spent £1,026 on IT software and consumables, including £342 on mobile apps to allow secure sharing of photos and preschool activities with parents.

4. Grants

The preschool didn't apply for any grants during 2024/25 nor spend any grants that were carried forward from 2023/24.

5. Fundraising:

Fundraising is an essential part of the Preschool's income and has served to increase the final surplus by £3,736 which is similar to 2023/24 (£3,520). Key fundraising income included a £1000 charitable donation from GR.IT Consulting, as well as a very successful summer fair which raised £729. Other notable fundraising activities include the "Teddy toddle" sponsored event which raised £672, a mini Christmas fair which raised £366, a £200 donation from Lion's Club of Maidenhead and a popup shop of donated household goods which raised £91. There were also £472 in parental contributions, which is higher than last year (£180). Funds are used to supplement the Preschool's main direct costs including salaries, rent, and the purchase of new equipment and resources.

6. New Equipment:

The Preschool spent £1,880 during the year on school equipment and resources, compared to £2,728 in 2023/24. However the true spend on school equipment was actually £4,829, much of which was to replace equipment damaged during a flood that happened this year. The insurance claim payment offset the final school equipment spend by £2,949 resulting in the final total of £1,880. The spending this year included £920 on replacing items damaged in the flood, including £410 on shelving, £286 on rugs for the hall and £223 on waterproofs. Other notable equipment spending included £683 on arts/crafts and sensory toys, £283 on a water play centre, £253 on outdoor toys and £249 on a 4-sided easel. These were partly funded by the Early Years Pupil Premium and partly by other income.

7. Payments to Trustees:

The following trustees were paid as part of their employment at Little Fishes:

- a. Lilian McKie as Preschool Manager
- b. Charlotte Gage as Business Manager
- c. Darlene Davies as Deputy Preschool manager
- d. Daniella Lovejoy as Practitioner

No further payments have been made to Trustees during the year.

8. Deposits:

The Preschool returned all refundable deposits held upon a child's enrolment. After parental consent,

some deposits were retained as a parental contribution (£472.45). Deposits held relating to children who had not yet started totalled £249.15.

9. Children's Entertainment:

In the spring and summer terms, Hartbeeps visited the Preschool to provide parties for the children, at a cost of £360. The preschool also had a visit from ZooLab in the spring term, who brought a variety of animals for the children to hold and interact with at a cost of £299, as well as Showstoppers in the summer term, who provided singing and dancing entertainment at a cost of £130. All of this was funded by the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) funding.

10. Accounting Policies:

The Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with: applicable accounting standards; the Statement of Recommended Practice, 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities', issued in March 2005; and the Charities Act 2011. The trustees have reviewed the reserves and deemed that they are adequate for cover the event of the closure of the preschool if required.

11. Employees:

There were 7 permanent members of staff employed for the year, with 1 fixed term contract employee joining during the summer term as a lunchtime assistant.

THANKS

Thank you as always to the whole of the staff team for all their hard work, dedication, and willingness to do whatever is needed to make Little Fishes the much-loved preschool that it is.

A massive thanks to Lilian McKie (Preschool Manager), Darlene Davies (Deputy Manager), and to Charlotte Gage (Business Manager), and all the staff team who have gone above and beyond in commitment running the Preschool, ensuring that the pupils have a fulfilling educational experience at Little Fishes, with their wellbeing always being paramount.

We were ably supported throughout the year by the Early Years team from RBWM. We appreciate and thank you for your expertise, experience, and commitment.

Special thanks go to the Hall's administrator, Iris Yiu, and the wider team for all their work in maintaining and refurbishing to provide the best venue for Little Fishes.

St Peter's Church has remained a close partner of the Preschool. Thank you to Sandy Young in the church office for her assistance, and to the congregation of St Peter's who continue to support the Preschool.

Little Fishes would like to provide special thanks to the following organisations for their kindness and understanding in providing the Preschool with donations which were invaluable this year:

- GR.IT Consultancy for their generous donation of £1000 as well as their time and services
- Lion's Club of Maidenhead for their generous donation of £200
- The Little Nook Gift Shop in Bourton-on-the-water for donation of their stock, which made us just over £90



Final thanks go to the Committee, parents, and other community stakeholders for their constant support of the Preschool, be it organising or attending fundraising events or promoting the Preschool.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Preschool is required under the Charities Act of 2011 to have an Independent examination of its accounts. This year we owe thanks to Louise Axford for her review of the financial statements.

DECLARATION

The Trustees have approved the report.

Signed: 	Signed: 
Name: Tim Eldridge	Name: Rob Harris
Position: Treasurer	Position: Vice Chair of Trustees
Date: 10/6/2026	Date: 10/06/26

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST PETER'S FURZE PLATT LITTLE FISHES PRESCHOOL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the financial year ended 31 August 2025, which are set out on pages 9 to 11.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF THE REPORT

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

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 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 audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act, or;
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: <i>Kirstie Walker</i>	Date: 8th June 2026
Name: Kirstie Walker	Address: 7 Litton Gardens Oakley, RG23 7JS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 August 2025					
Income and Expenditure Account					
		Cash Accounting 1 Sep 24 to 31 Aug 25 FY 24/25		Cash Accounting 1 Sep 23 to 31 Aug 24 FY 23/24	
		£	£	£	£
Direct Income					
RBWM funding		119,101.81		84,238.08	
Session Fees		9,026.86		6,768.91	
Deposits		249.15		100.00	
Grants	Note 4	-		2,100.00	
Bank Interest		465.34		436.59	
Total Receipts			128,843.16		93,643.58
Direct Costs					
Staff Costs		(89,187.05)		(85,216.92)	
Agency Worker Costs		-		-	
Rent		(13,913.90)		(13,173.75)	
Professional Services & Subscriptions		(586.08)		(1,566.96)	
Arts & Crafts, Cooking		(10.35)		-	
School Equipment & Resources	Note 3	(1,879.92)		(2,727.65)	
Telephone & Internet		(719.95)		(615.61)	
Admin & Stationery		(40.93)		(9.99)	
IT Software & Consumables		(1,025.39)		(384.91)	
Marketing		(25.08)		(98.80)	
Recruitment		-		-	
Staff Training		(180.54)		(652.56)	
Staff Uniform		(123.75)		(300.00)	
Total Direct Costs			(107,692.94)		(104,747.15)
Contribution of Fees to Overheads			21,150.22		(11,103.57)
Overheads					
Refreshments, Consumables & Cleaning		(599.96)		(517.56)	
Childrens Entertainment, Trips & Gifts		(1,522.30)		(137.54)	
IT Hardware		(9.99)		-	
Staff & Committee Gifts, Outings		(567.32)		(119.99)	(878.41)
Miscellaneous		(6.10)		-	
Petty Cash	Note 5	-		(240.86)	
Total Overheads			(2,705.67)		(1,015.95)
Surplus / (Deficit) before Fundraising			18,444.55		(12,119.52)
Fundraising					
Fundraising Income		4,154.82		4,548.60	
Fundraising Expenditure		(418.88)		(1,028.97)	
Total Net Fundraising	Note 2		3,735.94		3,519.63
Surplus / (Deficit) after Fundraising			22,180.49		(8,599.89)
Current Account b/f		27,394.38		56,251.50	
Savings Account b/f		32,280.39		31,731.43	
Balance b/f	Note 1	59,674.77		87,982.93	
Current Account c/f		49,109.53		36,430.86	
Savings Account c/f		32,745.73		31,843.80	
Balance c/f		81,855.26		68,274.66	
			22,180.49		(19,708.27)

NOTES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 August 2025				
Notes to the Income and Expenditure Account				
Note 1: Cash & Bank Balance	1 Sep 25	31 Aug 25	Movement	
Barclays Current Account	27,394.38	49,109.53		
Barclays Savings Account	32,280.39	32,745.73		
Total Balance Per Cashbook	59,674.77	81,855.26	22,180.49	
Note 2: Fundraising	Income	Expenditure	Net	
Bags 2 School	43.00	-	43.00	
Charitable Donation	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	
Christmas Cards	-	-	-	
Christmas Decorations	-	-	-	
Christmas Fair/Raffle/Auction	636.16	(270.00)	366.16	
Church Services (Harvest, Nativity, Easter)	92.88	(7.10)	85.78	
Easter Egg Trail / Easter Raffle	-	-	-	
Easy Fundraising	30.18	-	30.18	
Gift Aid	-	-	-	
Parental Contribution	472.45	-	472.45	
Popup shop	130.50	(40.00)	90.50	
Pre-School Uniform & Bags	20.00	-	20.00	
School Photograph	-	-	-	
Scoot-athon / Sports day	-	-	-	
Smartie Tubes	-	-	-	
Spring event (Quiz/disco)	47.02	(20.00)	27.02	
Summer Fair/Raffle/Auction	810.39	(81.78)	728.61	
T Towel	-	-	-	
Teddy Toddle	672.24	-	672.24	
Total Net Fundraising	4,154.82	(418.88)	3,735.94	
Note 3: School Equipment & Resources	Income	Expenditure		
Flood Insurance Claim Payment	2,948.77			
Arts and crafts, learning and sensory toys, music box		683.15		
Puppets, tablet, nursery rhyme, puzzles		576.13		
Shelving for cupboard due to flood		409.96		
Wooden food, baby accessories, role play toys		385.19		
Rug replacement due to flood		286.06		
Water play centre		283.19		
Outdoor toys, pram, diggers, bubbles		253.18		
4 sided easel		249.59		
Kitchen toys, bbq outdoors toys		241.3		
Puddlesuits replacement due to flood		223.84		
Sand, giant bucket, colour eggs and cubes		196.52		
Climbing frame and footballs		165.44		
Sensory toys		133.97		
Uniform for children		129.20		
Mothers day resources		123.86		
Balance steps, spinning chair, wiggle feet,		97.5		
Kitchen toys, bbq outdoors toys		92.62		
Gazebo		78.98		
Mothers day resources		51.65		
Caterpillars		30.91		
Parent noticeboard		25.5		
Aprons		21.98		
Shoe rack		16		
Rubber door stops and finger guards		14.26		
Wrist straps for walks out		13.04		
Photoframes for tables explaining activities		8		
Stickers		7.99		
Wooden stars for sports day		5.99		
A4 card		5.95		
Batteries		5		
Cleaning cloths		4.59		
Bath floats for water play		3.33		
Pens		2.59		
Sick bucket		2.5		
Price adjustment on a toy ordered 4/12 EYPP		-0.27		
Total NET School Equipment & Resources		1,879.92		
Note 4: Grant Expenditure	B/F	Received	Utilised	Remaining
RBWM 2 yr Grant	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00
Marsh Meadows Trust	793.89	-	-	793.89
Spoore, Merry and Rixman	1,500.00	-	-	1,500.00
Total Grant Expenditure	7,293.89	-	-	7,293.89