



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
From 01 January 2024 To 31 December 2024
Period end date

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name The Ark Preschool

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1073525

Charity's principal address Crowthorne Baptist Church

144 High Street

Crowthorne, Berkshire

Postcode

RG45 7AT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sarah Webb	Chair		
2	Emma Frost	Secretary		
3	Justine Wells	Treasurer		
4	Avril Doyle			
5	Rev. Kevin Mills			
6	Laura Devine		Until July 2024	
7	Roula Chaaya			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the charity is to provide a Pre-School to facilitate educational, physical, social and spiritual development of children under statutory school age by:

- a) offering appropriate educational and recreational facilities
- b) actively promoting the virtues of the Christian faith
affiliating to and furthering the aims of the Preschool Learning Alliance

The Ark Preschool is a community pre-school run by a committee of volunteers under the umbrella of the Pre-School Learning Alliance. The pre-school is a registered charity and aims at providing schooling tailored to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). We can accommodate up to 24 children per 3-hour session.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Continued to provide pre-school education to 24 children aged between 2 and 5 years old.

We were open for 38 weeks of the year, five mornings a week.

Continued to provide training to all staff.

The charity continues to support itself in non-profit making ways, fundraising to provide additional equipment for the preschool.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The reserves policy is to retain sufficient funds to cover the operational costs of the preschool for a term. £20,000 is held in reserve.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Nil

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

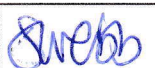

Government funding is the prime source of funding for the children that are 3 years old and over and eligible 2 years old. Fees are charged to those whose sessions are not covered by government funding.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sarah Webb	Justine Wells
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	20/5/2025	

The ARK PreSchool

Summary Accounts for the Period 1st January to 31st December 2024

			2024	2023
Balance Brought Forward			£55,651	£60,117
	Held in			
	Current Account	1st Jan 2024	£9,978	£15,140
	Deposit Account	1st Jan 2024	£45,673	£44,977
Payments				
	Salaries		£47,340	£42,199
	Income Tax/NI		£2,912	£1,024
	Running Expenses		£2,534	£2,568
	Petty Cash		£570	£530
	Bank charges		£68	£67
	Training		£95	£30
	Rent		£2,436	£2,080
	Uniforms		£69	£263
	Insurance/DBS		£361	£485
	Membership Fees/Subscriptions		£180	£166
	Equipment		£189	£50
	Events		£102	£0
	Publications		£92	£92
			£56,948	£49,554
Receipts				
	Grant Payments		£63,053	£31,151
	Fees		£15,521	£12,718
	Nursery Milk		£79	£65
	Bank Interest (Deposit Account)		£908	£696
	Donations		£319	£273
	Events		£150	£5
	Uniform		£0	£180
			£80,030	£45,088
Surplus / Loss	Surplus		£23,082	-£4,466
Balance Carried Forward			£78,733	£55,651
Bank Balances				
	Current Account	31st Dec 2024	£27,152	
	Deposit Account	31st Dec 2024	£51,581	
	Total		£78,733	

Signature

Date



Sarah Webb
Chairperson
The Ark Preschool



20/05/2025

Justine Wells
Treasurer
The Ark Preschool



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

THE ARK PRESCHOOL

On accounts for the year
ended

DECEMBER 31ST 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1073525

Set out on pages

182

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of 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.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Ian Burrow

Date:

3/7/2025

Name:

IAN BURROW

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Address:

44 CHAUCER ROAD
CROWTHORNE
RG45 7BN

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE