

THURLTON PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1077937

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1999-10-26

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN BELOW COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE BY (A) PROVIDING SAFE AND SATISFYING GROUP PLAY, IN WHICH PARENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE PART (B) ENCOURAGING OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES THROUGH WHICH PARENTS MAY HELP THE CHILDREN

Activities: Pre-School establishment for children aged from 2 to school age.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Norfolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£52,021	£53,445	-	-
2024-07-31	£53,930	£58,485	-	-
2023-07-31	£52,322	£49,026	-	-
2022-07-31	£42,037	£44,775	-	-
2021-07-31	£46,214	£42,033	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Charlotte Brady	Chair	2026-01-12
James David Castleton		2025-07-29
Megan Catchpole		2021-04-01

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Chairperson report Thurlton Preschool, July 2024

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We also reviewed continuing issues around the hall use, while amicable and the space appropriate, the setting up and packing away each day, detracts from the provision. We, however, could not find a suitable alternative at this time.

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The preschool team continue to develop its specialist skill in supporting children with additional needs, led by Sandy's enthusiasm, empathy and diligence. Sandy completed a Makaton training session and has worked hard to share her learning of Makaton communication with all the staff.

Emma has worked to grow the team which now includes 5 colleagues working on casual contracts. Emma works to ensure work is allocated to all colleagues, while maintaining the right staffing levels. Emma has worked particularly on the professional development of one colleague, to build their skill and confidence.

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date 1/8/22

To Period end date 31/7/2023

Charity name: Thurlton Pre-school

Charity registration number:1077937

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The aim of Thurlton PreSchool is to advance the education of children below compulsory school age in the community, by providing a caring environment for children to build confidence and independence through play, keeping them from harm and promoting their welfare, in which we encourage parents /carers to take part.
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	Operating 6 session a week during term time for children 2 years and older.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustee review charity commission guidance public benefit and are aware of the guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	N/A

Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	Thurlton Preschool offers 120 sessions a week in term time accommodating 20 children across 6 sessions, over 3 days. Thurlton preschool support children below compulsory school age develop their skills and learning in readiness to join school.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	22/23 financial year saw a significant increase in income as well as a good rise in fundraising income. Salaries and rent increased impacting expenditure, but other costs remained stable. Thurlton preschool finished the year in a strong financial position.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Finances held in reserve for cost of staff redundancy should Thurlton Preschool close at any point.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£4407.27
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None at this time.

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	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	We have a constitution laying out governance for our charity.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Trustee's are selected annually at the AGM, where they are nominated and the committee votes.

Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Thurlton Preschool
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1077937
Charity's principal address	Thurlton Village hall, Beccles Road, Thurlton, Norwich, NR14 6AJ

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)
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

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)

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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)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Current Chair

Date

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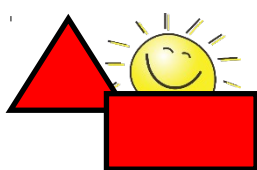
Position (eg Secretary,
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Current Chair

Date

4/8/24

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Search: Thurlton Preschool - Learning through play



Thurlton Preschool-Learning through play

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THURLTON PRESCHOOL REPORT

21/22

The year started with Covid related challenges but the whole team of Trustees and staff worked tirelessly to enable the preschool to continue to provide our services in line with the changing regulations in a safe and professional manner. We are very pleased to report that we have had a much more positive year in 2022, with regards to covid. Although at the beginning of March this year we had our first cases of covid amongst staff and a few children since the pandemic begun, unfortunately due to this we had to close our doors for a week all our families were very understanding about this.

Some of our fundraising has gone towards some giant scales to add to our mud kitchen, and our water wall both of these were made by Tony Bellinger. They have been a lovely addition and helped promote lots of collaborative play, which helps form positive relationships.

We have purchase a WellComm pack, this helps promote childrens language development something that has been a concern due to lockdown.

We are very busy currently with 20 children on register, we will be losing 8 to school, leaving us with very healthy numbers for September. We are however experiencing what we feel is an effect from some of our children spending the first 18 months of their lives in quite a strict lockdown, we have adapted how we settle different children and ensured we have extra staff to enable us to meet all of their individual needs.

Chris Ford. Chair

Thurlton Pre School				
Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2021				
Receipts	2020/21		2019/20	
LEA Funding	37,640.96		25,618.16	
Fee Income + lunches	4,945.61		7,008.17	
Uniform Sales	579.88		214.50	
Bank Interest	0.98		21.00	
Grant	146.64		0.00	
Sundry income	586.27		155.00	
HMRC JRS	0		1,386.37	
Sub Total		43,900.34		34,403.20
Non Charitable Expenditure				
Wages	30,576.42		28,614.70	
Rent	3,672.72		3,472.38	
Courses & training	498.00		0.00	
Office Expenses	108.10		192.54	
Post, stationery & phone	864.20		752.65	
Publicity	305.00		1,053.14	
Annual subscriptions	0.00		0.00	
Insurance	587.77		516.55	
Bookkeeping	495.00		440.09	
Food snacks & drinks	320.57		360.78	
School uniform	969.01		0.00	
Cleaning equipment	190.21		136.09	
Sundry	516.19		137.75	
Pension	737.38		658.78	
Covid refund	320.75		251.25	
Sub Total		40,161.32		36,586.70
Non Charitable Net Income/(loss)				
		3,739.02		-2,183.50
Charitable Income				
Gross fundraising proceeds	1,598.68		986.77	
Donations	714.82		1,453.14	
Sub Total		2,313.50		2,439.91
Charitable Expenses				
Toys & equipment	1,314.11		952.06	
Art & craft materials	138.24		0.00	
Fund raising expenditure	418.90		468.49	
		1,871.25		1,420.55
Charitable Net Income				
		442.25		1,019.36
Net Income / (Expenditure)				
		4,181.27		(1,164.14)
Surplus of income brought forward		16,582.46		17,746.60
Surplus of income carried forward		20,763.73		16,582.46
Bank and cash held				
	actual:		actual:	
	HSBC	16,475.06	HSBC	12,313.49
	COIF	4,269.95	COIF	4,268.97
	petty cash	18.72	petty cash	0.00
		20,763.73		16,582.46

Thurlton Pre School

Charity Number: 1077937

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Thurlton Pre School

I report on the accounts of the Pre-School for the year ended 31 July 2021, which are attached

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);
- to follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

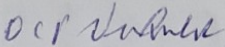
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: Danny Verhulst

Relevant professional qualification or body: FCCA

Address: 1 Links Close, Thurlton, NR14 6RG

Date: 18th May 2022