

THE PERFORMING ARTS CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Charity Registration Number 1081561

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended
31 August 2025

Trustees

Don Caravello (Chair)
Deborah Whatling
Paul Riley

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Prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name:

The Performing Arts Children's Charity

Charity Number:

1081561

Principal Address

20 Mortlake High Street
London,
SW14 8JN

Trustees Serving During the Year

Don Caravello (Chair)
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is governed by a Declaration of Trust dated 4 January 2000, as amended on 18 March 2014.

The trustees are responsible for the overall management and administration of the charity and meet as required to review activities, finances, governance matters and future strategy.

OBJECTS AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Performing Arts Children's Charity exists to improve the lives of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities through participation in performing arts activities.

The charity has historically delivered classes and programmes for children with a range of disabilities, including Autism, Down syndrome, Hearing Impairment, Cerebral Palsy and Learning Disabilities. Through structured performing arts activities, the charity promotes independence, self-confidence, communication skills and social interaction, helping participants to build brighter futures and reach their full potential.

The charity uses the In-Step Programme to deliver specific outcomes for participants. Through role-play, storytelling, shared narratives and group-based activities, children are encouraged to develop self-confidence, self-esteem and personal resilience within a supportive environment.

Experience gained through the delivery of the programme, together with feedback received from parents, carers and teachers, demonstrates that positive outcomes can be achieved across a broad spectrum of disabilities. The charity believes that children with disabilities working together within a structured and supportive framework can achieve levels of confidence, self-esteem and personal development that may be difficult to achieve in isolation.

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that the charity's activities and future plans continue to provide a clear and identifiable public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Since 2000, The Performing Arts Children's Charity has been supporting and improving the lives of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities through participation in performing arts activities.

The COVID-19 pandemic dramatically altered the charity sector, with the fundraising environment changing significantly. Historically, the charity benefited from support generated through school-based events, performances, music evenings and community fundraising activities. In the years following the pandemic, many of these opportunities declined substantially, while a number of established fundraising events ceased altogether.

In response to these changes, the trustees undertook a strategic review of the charity's activities and fundraising model. During this period, active programme delivery was temporarily suspended while the trustees considered how best to continue achieving the charity's objectives in a sustainable manner.

No charitable programmes were delivered during the year ended 31 August 2025. However, the trustees continued to oversee the governance and administration of the charity and maintained regular oversight of its affairs.

During the year, the charity received a substantial unrestricted legacy which significantly strengthened its financial position and provided an opportunity to evaluate future charitable activities and initiatives.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity received total income of £753,986.83 during the year, comprising an unrestricted legacy of £750,000 and interest of £3,986.83 earned on funds held in the charity's bank accounts.

Following receipt of the legacy, the trustees placed the majority of the funds in an interest-bearing savings account while undertaking a strategic review of the charity's future activities and the most effective use of the funds in furtherance of its charitable objectives.

Total expenditure during the year amounted to £95.00, comprising bank charges and subscription costs.

The charity recorded a net surplus of £753,891.83 for the year.

At 31 August 2025, total funds stood at £755,586.69.

The trustees consider the charity's financial position at the year-end to be strong and sufficient to support the future development of the charity's activities.

RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have resolved to retain the legacy funds in the short term while undertaking a strategic review to determine the most effective and sustainable use of the funds in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

The trustees consider the level of reserves held at the year end to be appropriate in light of the ongoing review process and future planned charitable activities.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The trustees are currently evaluating a range of options for recommencing and developing the charity's activities.

The objective of this review is to ensure that the legacy funds are applied effectively, sustainably and in a manner that maximises public benefit while remaining consistent with the charity's charitable purposes.

No specific projects had been formally approved at the balance sheet date, and the trustees expect to continue their evaluation during the forthcoming period.

TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Charity Commission requirements.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Signed: 

Don Caravello
Chair of Trustees

Date: 22/06/2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PERFORMING ARTS CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Charity Number: 1081561

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Performing Arts Children's Charity for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

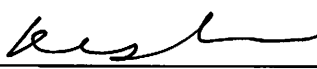
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed: 

Nina Kish BA (Business & Economics)
Audit Affiliate Member of ICAEW
Qualified Accountant

For and on behalf of:
Richmond Accounting Services
20 Mortlake High Street
London, SW14 8JN

Date: 22/06/2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SOFA)

The Performing Arts Children's Charity

Charity Number: 1081561

For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

Unrestricted Funds	Notes	2025 (£)	2024 (£)
Income and Endowments			
From:			
Donations and Legacies	1	750,000.00	0.00
Interest Received on Bank Deposits	2	3,986.83	3.00
Total Income		753,986.83	3.00
Expenditure On:			
Governance Costs	3	95.00	95.00
Total Expenditure		95.00	95.00
Net Income / (Expenditure) for the Year		753,891.83	(92.00)
Funds Brought Forward		1,694.86	1,786.86
Funds Carried Forward		755,586.69	1,694.86

The notes on pages 10 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Signed: _____

Don Caravello
Chair of Trustees

Date: _____

22/06/2024

BALANCE SHEET

The Performing Arts Children's Charity

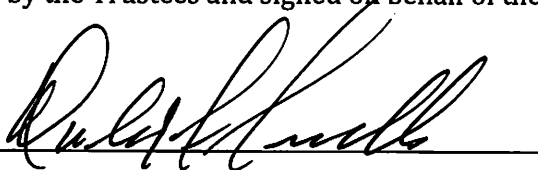
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For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	Notes	2025 (£)	2024 (£)
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank and in Hand	4	755,586.69	1,694.86
Total Current Assets		755,586.69	1,694.86
Creditors:			
Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	5	Nil	Nil
Net Current Assets		755,586.69	1,694.86
Total Net Assets		755,586.69	1,694.86
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted Funds	8	755,586.69	1,694.86
Total Charity Funds		755,586.69	1,694.86

Approved by the Trustees and signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Signed: _____



Don Caravello
Chair of Trustees

Date: _____

22/06/2026

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

Income	2025 (£)
Unrestricted Legacy Received	750,000.00
Total Donations and Legacies	750,000.00
Expenditure	
Dues and Subscriptions	35.00
Bank Charges	60.00
Total Expenditure	95.00
Operating Surplus	749,905.00
Other Income	
Current Account Interest	3.21
Gold Savings Account Interest	3,983.62
Total Interest Received	3,986.83
Net Surplus for the Year	753,891.83

Summary - The charity received an unrestricted legacy of £750,000 during the year together with interest of £3,986.83 earned on funds held in the charity's bank accounts.

Total expenditure amounted to £95.00, comprising bank charges and subscription costs.

The resulting net surplus for the year was £753,891.83.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and applicable accounting requirements. The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis under the historical cost convention.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Income Recognition

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, receipt is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure Recognition

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

1. Donations and Legacies

	2025 (£)
Unrestricted Legacy Received	750,000.00
Total Donations and Legacies	750,000.00

2. Interest Received on Bank Deposits

	2025 (£)
Current Account Interest	3.21
Gold Savings Account Interest	3,983.62
Total Interest Received	3,986.83

The charity does not hold any investment assets. The income reported above relates solely to interest earned on funds held in the charity's bank accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CON'T

For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

3. Expenditure on Governance Cost

	2025 (£)
Dues and Subscriptions	35.00
Current Account Bank Charges	60.00
Total Governance Cost	95.00

4. Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2025 (£)	2024 (£)
Current Account	1,603.07	1,694.86
Gold Savings Account	753,983.62	0.00
Total Cash at Bank and in Hand	755,586.69	1,694.86

5. Creditors

The charity had no creditors falling due within one year at 31 August 2025.

6. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No trustee received remuneration during the year.

No trustee was reimbursed expenses during the year.

7. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

8. Funds

	Unrestricted Funds (£)
Balance at 1 September 2024	1,694.86
Net Income for the Year	753,891.83
Balance at 31 August 2025	755,586.69

All funds held by the charity at 31 August 2025 were unrestricted funds.