

ST JOSEPH'S PLAYGROUP, HERTFORD

TRUSTEES REPORT

CHARITY NO: 1089180

St Joseph's Playgroup, which is Ofsted-registered, is based within the grounds of St Joseph's RC School in Hertford. It offers pre-school education for children aged 2 to 4 year olds during term time Monday through Friday. Morning sessions are held from 9am to 12pm, specifically for 2-3 year olds. For children over 3, there is a lunch club available from 12pm to 1pm. Afternoon sessions, running from 12pm to 3pm, catering to Nursery children at St Joseph's School. Children attending morning playgroup can also join the afternoon sessions once they turn 3, starting in the following term.

The Playgroup has an Admissions Policy in place which welcomes all children from the local area, prioritising those of Catholic faith and with siblings at St Joseph's School. Our fees have risen this year in line with other similar settings within the area at £22.50 for a 3-hour session. We accept all 2 and 3 to 4 year old government funding including supported and working families and universal 15 hours, tax free childcare accounts, and childcare vouchers.

This year, another rise in the minimum wage significantly affected our wage bill, even though we lost a staff member. We raised our hourly fees to match other local playgroups, but fewer people paid fees, resulting in a loss. On the positive side, increased funding per child helped offset the higher hourly rates needed for staff supporting our children. Operational costs continued to climb, and we spent extra on repairing deteriorated outdoor areas, which added to our expenses. Despite these challenges, we are pleased to report that we finished the financial year with a surplus.

This year, the fundraising team raised essential funds with greater ease thanks to a new card machine. Events included fireworks canvases, cake sales, Christmas baubles, and raffles, concluding with celebrations of our 30th Anniversary annual fun Jelly Dash Day.

Funds went towards a new shed and storage, plus educational resources including books, dress up and play role items, books, and gardening equipment for the children.

Diane Kerins

TRUSTEE

St Joseph's Playgroup

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

<u>INCOME</u>				
<i>Previous Year</i>	<i>2023-2024</i>	<i>Current Year</i>		
Fees received	£ 20,827.39	Fees received	£ 7,633.50	-13,194
Funding	£ 67,496.80	Funding	£ 95,526.97	28,030
Fundraising (gross)	£ 1,929.53	Fundraising (gross)	£ 2,922.19	993
Lunch Club and afternoons	£ 8,325.28	Lunch Club and afternoons	£ 10,570.00	2,245
Snack contributions	£ 806.64	Snack contributions	£ 696.09	-111
other	£ 36.00	other	£ 153.05	117
Total Income	£99,421.64	Total Income	£117,501.80	18,080
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
<i>Previous Year</i>	<i>2023-2024</i>	<i>Current Year</i>		
Everyday expenditure	£ 2,547.61	Everyday expenditure	£ 2,734.65	187
Salaries	£ 85,516.57	Salaries	£ 91,806.62	6,290
Training and DBS checks	£ 1,016.76	Training and DBS checks	£ 693.09	-324
Rent and cleaning	£ 9,037.75	Rent and cleaning	£ 8,624.41	-413
Fruit and milk	£ 1,395.03	Fruit and milk	£ 1,275.43	-120
Subscriptions	£ 775.35	Subscriptions	£ 452.28	-323
Fundraising costs and spending	£ 1,465.26	Fundraising costs and spending	£ 1,725.81	261
IT expenses	£ 632.76	IT expenses	£ 378.49	-254
Miscellaneous	£ 60.00	Miscellaneous	£ 1,135.92	1,076
Insurance	£ 656.63	Insurance	£ 778.47	122
Total Expenditure	£103,103.72	Total Expenditure	£109,605.17	6,501
Deficit	(£3,682.08)	Surplus	£7,896.63	

BALANCE SHEET
As at 31st March 2025

ASSETS

Equipment at the beginning of the year (as written down value)	0.00
Equipment purchased during year	<u>NIL</u>
Total	<u>0.00</u>
Depreciation this year	<u>0.00</u>
Written down value of equipment	<u>0.00</u>
Cash at Bank (Barclays, Hertford)	<u>22,981.70</u>
Total Assets	<u>22,981.70</u>
Accumulated Surplus at the start of this year	15,085.07
plus current surplus	7,896.63
Surplus at Year End	<u><u>£22,981.70</u></u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined the account of:

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With the books and vouchers supplied to me.

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Signed



Date

4.8.25

Name of Examiner

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