

## Annual Report 2025

This year we started the year with 29 children on our books and finished with 37. Managers observations and peer to peer observations have gone well all year with small targets and improvements for the staff to make, evidenced in their self-evaluations and reviewed at their supervisions. Our Learning Journey Audit went well. No major things have come up in the staff supervisions. Planning in the moment it still working really well, extending the children's learning through their choice of activity.

Over the year we have had 4 SEND children they have had between 3-22.5 hours a week of 1:1 support based on 30hours attendance and their level of need, two more children need funding. Three child had an EHCP before they left. We have had up to 20 children who are/have been behind, 6 of which are SEND, referrals were made to speech and language as needed and speech groups using the 'time to talk' tool supported others for one session each morning. We are still targeting other children for concentration/confidence/EAL and these were added to the speech group.

Vicki worked on a climate action plan which is a new requirement and needs to be in place by Jan 2026, Ruth is looking into the cost of solar panels which will be an investment for the future. Ruth and Sue have been working on all our policy's which need to meet the new legislation in Sept 2025. We have paid for the Early Year Alliance policy document as a bases for this and built on this. Dawns job was to do any new risk assessments to fall in line with this. This has been a lengthy proses and I have had to pay for cover to allow more paperwork time. Ruth has also worked on a grant for resources to start having under 2's in Sept 2025 and four staff members are book on a course working with under 2's

The summer term we were visited by Ofsted we archived a good. Once we had the call on the Tuesday (my afternoon off) I said I would stay and sort things, I then realized there was nothing to sort and the staff just wanted to have a meeting at 6.30. While we had the meeting and went through questions they could be asked Simon swept up outside and we were sorted. The inspector was lovely and put us at ease, it was still a stressful day, we were a bit disappointed that we did not get an outstanding. When asked what we needed to do to be able to achieve this she said it wasn't her job to tell us and to just do more. The thing we need to improve is problem solving which I am going to have as my key focus for my next observations.

In May Ruth and Vicki went to the TTS/Alliance Send conference in Nottingham. It really inspired us with key note speckers, especially a scientist so I went on to order his book which is being passed around the staff. So far this has led to us buying a blind for the small group area and there are lots more things to discuss as a staff group.

Ruth is now a MOD Champion which involves being on a WhatsApp group and a zoom meeting once a term.

The Trustees also decided to invest in a website.

We have used our EYPP money to fund extra activities that families would necessarily

afford.

For those children who get this extra funding and they are not behind we have used their money for sessions with Rhythm time.

We have completed a safeguarding audit which lead to more staff training and we have updated the policy. Some training still to be completed next term. Trustees were emailed to agree the new policy.

### **Training**

First Aid x8

Stoke speaks out

Safe guarding x 2

Safe guarding forum

Importance of vitamin D

Staffordshire EY leaders network

Sexual abuse

Safeguarding bite size

Food hygiene x 5

DSL briefing

C & L network

Vicki SEND level 3

English as an additional Language

Send conference x2

Baby brains

Babies x5

Climate action

Maths Champion x2

### **Bought:**

4 x £910 of resources including sensory room items, small world and little tikes car, music frame, outside sink, instrument unit, new banner, chalk markers, high chair, course and effect toys, talking panel, dark den accessory's, rechargeable batteries and charger

Thermomotor and card reader

Vacuum

Helmets, ice packs, ice salt, plug tower, door strap

Fence

Bark

Bike handle bar

Door safety stopper

Badges for children on trips

Door matt

Blind

Baby resources including dog pen (for outside area)

Timers

Caterpillars

Book action on distraction  
Sand  
Website (photos)  
Fan  
Bannor  
Mini clopboards  
Bikes safty ends  
Sand timers, weed stuff, edging and stones, fence screen  
Adhesive mirror and adhesive vinyl

**For parents this year we have had:**

2 and 3 year checks  
Autumn discovery walk and picnic  
Family toddle and picnic  
Christingle stay and play  
Leavers presentation  
Tempest  
Harvest stay and play  
Nativity and mini fayre  
Walk to park  
SEND coffee morning  
Coffee morning/research MOD parents  
Dad's day  
Easter stay and paly  
Spring fair  
Healthy eating stay and paly

**Cultural capital/EYPP**

Visit to train station  
Rhythm time  
Peppa pig party  
Handas surprise  
Farm on wheels  
Caterpillars  
Celebrations fathers day VE day

**Cultural capital**

Post office trip  
Planting potatoes  
Library trip older children  
Park trip younger  
World book week  
Ice cream van  
Farm on wheels  
Allotment visit

Handers Suprise

Rhythm time

Library visit

World book day

BFG visit

Visit to train station

Handas surprise

Caterpillars

Guide Dog

Police visit

Children in need activities

Rhythm time

Remembrance Day

Walk to park

Military trucks

Peppa pig party

Animal man

Celebrations: Bonfire night, Divali, burns night, Lunar new year, valentines, Venezuelan carnival, shrove Tuesday, St Patrick's, St Davids, mothers day, St George's, Easter, Eid, Dahain, St Andrews day, Fathers day

Celebrations fathers day VE day

### **With any fund raising money we booked:**

Animal Man

Farm on wheels

### **In the future**

Buy and fit a new fence

Look at getting solar panels

Buggies/bbq shelter

Interactive TV

Sandon Road Baptist Church Playgroup

2024-2025 Annual Summary  
Income Statement and Auditors Report

	2024-25		2023-24	
<b>Income:</b>				
NEF / Think2	£133,110		£136,298	
Fees	£29,675		£24,223	
Fundraising	£691		£837	
Miscellaneous (incl. T-shirt sales)	£1,314		£566	
<b>Total</b>		<b>£164,790</b>		<b>£161,924</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>				
Salaries	£132,737		£124,976	
Church Hire	£14,645		£10,343	
Business Costs	£4,539		£2,791	
Training	£660		£503	
Consumables (including equipment)	£14,966		£6,635	
Exceptional Item (new fencing)	£10,926			
<b>Total</b>		<b>£178,473</b>		<b>£145,248</b>
Net profit / (loss)		<b>(£13,683)</b>		<b>£16,676</b>
Bank bal b/f		£104,494		£87,818
Net profit/(loss)		(£13,683)		£16,676
Bank bal c/f		<b>£90,811</b>		<b>£104,494</b>



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

**SANDON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH PLAYGROUP**

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 August 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

**1089945**

Set out on pages

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**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 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (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 statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**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:** T. Herriott

**Date:** 11 October 2025

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