

Trustee's Annual Report for the period from 01.01.25 to 31.12.25

Section A

Charity Name: Eltham Park Baptist Church Playwell Pre School also known as Playwell Pre School

Registered Charity Number 1097327

Charity's principal address: Eltham Park Baptist Church, 32A Westmount Road, Eltham, London SE9 1JE.

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee's name	Office	Acted for the whole year	Name of person or body entitled to appoint Trustee
C. Farrar	Chairman	Yes	Trust Resolution
C. Barnes	Treasurer	Yes	
L. Barnes	Secretary	Yes	
J. Graham	Superintendent	Yes	
L. Rickard		Yes	
R. Sathri		Yes	
H.Goldsworthy		Yes	

Section B

Structure, Governance and Management

Trustee Selection Method – New Trustees are invited by and elected by Trustees in accordance with the Playwell Constitution.

Additional Governance Issues

The Trustees meet formally at least three times a year, to receive, assess and act upon if necessary, reports from the Chairman, Treasurer and Supervisor, or indeed any of the trustees

Any Trustee may call an emergency meeting at any time as a matter of urgency. As The Management team (Trustees) are mostly church members of Eltham Park Baptist Church, so issues raised between formal meetings can be discussed informally at a face to face or a weekly basis or via emails.

The agenda for formal meetings will always include the finances of the charity, child welfare and any actual or perceived changes of government legislation that will or could affect the future wellbeing of Playwell and its children. Also any matters arising with regards to staff. The Meetings are hosted by the Chairman and will always include a Treasurer's Report and a Superintendent's report.

Meetings will also discuss and address any issues that may have arisen since the last formal meeting, including such matters as fabric and or maintenance issues.

In addition the Chairman and/or the Treasurer will visit the Pre School at the church at least once a week to maintain good liaison between the Staff and Trustees.

Section C

Objectives of the Charity

Whilst the Pre School started life as a Playgroup for mothers and their young preschool children, it evolved into a Pre School as recognised in its constitution of 2003 when it became a charity in its own right.

The constitution stipulates our object is – 'The advancement of the education of Children below compulsory school age including spiritual development, the provision of facilities for recreation for such children with the object of improving their conditions of life by providing for any child, without discrimination by reason of race or religious beliefs, to provide a safe and satisfactory preschool in a Christian environment.

Main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives.

We at Playwell are all about getting children "Reception Ready" which means each child is confident and independent enough when starting school. They are still learning through play which is a vital element to a strong foundation in their lives.

In support of these objectives we have concentrated on "Schoolwork Sessions" 3 to 4 times a week in small groups of 4 to 5 children, teaching them to be able to write their own name, by recognising letters, then moving on to numbers and simple sums, in preparation for going to "Big School"

Each session is tailored to each child's development.

Playwell provides free play daily in each of the three halls available to the children. In addition subject to weather, healthy daily free play outside is encouraged in the enclosed play area. Adult led and supervised activities and workshops encourage children to learn and develop in a playful environment. Playwell sets out to provide a varied and stimulating daily programme to encourage and enthuse the children in its care.

Emphasis is placed on, but not restricted to personal skills, fitness and social attitudes. Harvest gifts and Christmas celebration bring the children into contact with the local community. In addition multicultural celebrations are observed and enjoyed.

Section D

Main achievements of the Charity

In its 52nd year of caring for and educating preschool children in Eltham, Playwell once more provided a stimulating and educational environment for those in its care.

One of the foundations of Playwell's success is the very small turnover of staff, exemplified this year by the retirement of Vicki after 25 years of faithful service. Thank you Vicki from everyone connected with Playwell, including the hundreds of children who have passed through your care.

We are conscious of those with Special Needs and we now have 2 members of staff each working one on one with a particular child.

The Friendship Centre which is adjacent to the Preschool holds a weekly lunch club for pensioners. At Christmas time the children entertained the pensioners with carols and also some of the familiar favourites like "when Santa got stuck up the chimney" which always rolls back the years for senior citizens!

Fine weather allowed us to take the children to nearby Eltham Park and feed the ducks (always a popular time for youngsters) and climb trees (just the very small trees).

Various themes were explored during the year, Firework night was celebrated in paintings and drawings, Chinese New Year and Divali too were observed.

Changes in Society means that Playwell continues to entertain Children with special needs who require 1 on 1 attention.

Christmas time saw the children performing their traditional Nativity Play, which is always well attended giving many parents and carers the opportunity to remember their own performances in days of old. The Christmas Party and the arrival of Father Christmas brought the year to a festive and happy conclusion.

Much work was undertaken in the holidays to improve some of the fabric of our building, new toilets, toilet doors and an extractor fan, being just some of the work undertaken.

It would be remiss, in passing, not to give credit and thanks to the staff, who under the leadership of Mrs Graham, continue to give the care, attention and time to ensure that the children, whom we have the privilege of caring for, really look

forward to coming to preschool every day, maintaining the excellent reputation Playwell holds in the community.

Each year parents and carers are given questionnaires asking their views on a variety of school matters. Some of this year's quotes are

"Can you please stay open for longer "actually not physically possible as there are other organisations who use our halls

"There is a friendly approach with kindness"

Very welcoming and the settings are changed every day "

We leave with a quote from a local government visitor." In 2024, if I had any grandchildren I'd send them here! "

Section E

The reserves policy drawn up in 2001 requires the maintenance of a minimum reserve of three month's expenditure.

The accounts clearly show that the principal source of income in funding is received from the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

Section G

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees by COLIN BARNES TREASURER OF
PLAYWELL PRESCHOOL

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. Barnes', written in dark ink.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR PLAYWELL PRESCHOOL

For the year ending 31st December 2025

RECEIPTS

FEES from Local Authority	176842.16
By cash	4065.00
By Giro	14979.50
Fund Raising	275.83
Miscellaneous	166.99
Transfer to Petty Cash	-3515.00
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 192814.48

PAYMENTS

Salaries	132000.00
Pensions	4787.55
Equipment	9901.54
Rent	23900.00
Computer maintenance	173.20
Insurance	1090.39
Bank charges	113.30
Fabric	3985.23
Advertising	732.00
Ofsted/IFO	90.00
Miscellaneous	535.12
TOTAL PAYMENTS	177308.33

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Excess of Receipts over Payments	£15506.15
Balance at Barclays Bank cob 31/12/24	cr £158705.58
Balance at Barclays Bank cob 31/12/25	cr £174211.73
Cash held in Petty Cash	£2288.99



C.J. BARNES

Treasurer



B WALLS

Independent Examiner



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

ELTHAM PARK BAPTIST CHURCH PLAYWELL PRESCHOOL

On accounts for the year
ended

31st DECEMBER 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1097327

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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

Signed:

B. Walls

Date:

13/2/26

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BRIAN WALLS

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qualification(s) or body

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

