



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 24/09/24 Period start date To 28/09/25 Period end date

Charity name: St Mary's Playgroup (Churchdown)

Charity registration number: 1097701

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	TO PROVIDE EARLY YEARS EDUCATION AND CARE FOR CHILDREN AGED 2 ½ - 5 YEARS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
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	PLAYGROUP RUN BY COMMITTEE OF ELECTED PARENTS EMPLOY A BOOK-KEEPER CLOSE RELATIONS WITH OFSTED, PATA, GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, EARLY YEARS TEAM AND ST MARYS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL. ALL TRUSTEES ARE VOLUNTEERS AND COLLECTIVELY RUN THE PLAYGROUP. FUNDRAISE TO REPLACE AND REPLENISH TOYS AND EQUIPMENT. CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN "RESERVE" MONEY TO COVER FOR ANY RISK OF FUTURE PROBLEMS.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	YES, THE TRUSTEES HAVE REGARDED THE GUIDANCE FROM THE CHARITY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC BENEFIT.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
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	WE NORMALLY RUN PLAYGROUP SESSIONS FOR 2-3 YEAR OLDS AND PRE-SCHOOL SESSIONS FOR 3-4 YEAR OLDS. THESE PRE SCHOOL SESSIONS WERE FUNDED BY THE "FREE FOR THREE AND FOUR" FUNDING FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL. TRAINING FOR ALL STAFF CONTINUES TO BE A HIGH PRIORITY WHICH IS SUPPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE. DURING THE AUTUMN TERM THE PLAYGROUP RAISED FUNDS BY ARRANGING A SPONSORED WELLY WALK IN NOVEMBER 2024 THE CHILDREN COMPLETED THEIR WELLY WALK AND RAISED £240 ST MARY'S SCHOOL AND THEIR AFFILIATED CHARITY HOSTED A CHRISTMAS FAYRE WHERE ST. MARY'S PLAYGROUP RAISED A TOTAL OF £306.50 BUNNY HOP £90.00 THE COMMITTEE MET TO DISCUSS A WAGE INCREASE FOR STAFF IN LINE WITH NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE REQUIREMENTS AND THIS WAS APPROVED IN MARCH 2025. RAISED AT THE SUMMER FAYRE IN JULY WAS £189.00 TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED- £1,286.18

		THE MONEY RAISED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ALLOWED PLAYGROUP TO REPLENISH IMPORTANT LEARNING MATERIALS FOR THE CHILDREN. IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PROVIDED DONATIONS TO ENHANCE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR THE CHILDREN.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	WE DO NOT HAVE A RESERVES FUND POLICY HOWEVER, OUR AIM IS TO HAVE APPROX £15,000 (BASED ON 3 MONTHS RUNNING COSTS) IN PLACE TO PROTECT OUR TRUSTEES AND IN CASE OF UNEXPECTED CLOSURE, COVER REDUNDANCY COSTS. WE ALLOCATE SOME MONEY FOR TRAINING AND UPDATING OF THE PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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	WE RECEIVE EARLY YEARS PUPIL PREMIUM PAYMENTS AS WELL AS TERMLY DEPRIVATION PAYMENTS THROUGH THE COUNCIL. FUNDRAISING TOTAL FOR 2024/25 £1,286.18
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	THE CONSTITUTION OF PATA (PARENT & TODDLER ASSOCIATION) UPDATED AND ADOPTED 2019 & UPDATED AND ADOPTED 2025.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	..
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	PARENTS PUT THEMSELVES FORWARD AT THE AGM HELD IN THE AUTUMN TERM EACH YEAR. THEY ARE THEN APPOINTED AT THE AGM FOLLOWING PARENTS VOTING BY NOMINATING AND SECONDING

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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	CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY AND TREASURER APPOINTED WITH GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS MEETINGS HELD EVERY 12 WEEKS INSURANCE POLICIES UPDATED ANNUALLY. PATA TRAINING FOR TRUSTEES RISK ASSESMENTS DONE TERMLY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REVIEWED ANNUALLY AND AGREED BY COMMITTEE. EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE (2012) CURRICULUM FOLLOWED.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP (CHURCHDOWN)
Other name the charity uses	..
Registered charity number	1097701

Charity's principal address	CHELtenham ROAD EAST CHURCHDOWN GLOUCESTER GL3 1HU

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)
1	MATTHEW FAUX	CHAIRPERSON		
2	RUTH PASZKIEWICZ	SECRETARY		
3	ISOHELL DOUGALL	TREASURER		
4	FRANCES TRAVERS			
5	GABRIELA GARCIA VIENTIMILLA			
6	NATALIE WALKER			
7	JENNIFER WALSH	PLAYGROUP STAFF COMMITTEE MEMBER		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

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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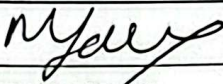
Other optional information

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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)		
Full name(s)	MATTHEW FAUX	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	

Date 22/10/2025

Charity name:

Charity number:

St. Mary's Playgroup (Churchdown)

1097701

Receipts and payments accounts for the period

Period start date

01/09/2024

Period end date.....

31/08/2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS	Previous year		Current year	
	£	p	£	p
Nursery Education Funding (Free for 3&4)	54,901.08		43,372.77	
Nursery Education Funding (New for 2)	-		12,039.98	
Children's fees	3,926.80		11,426.94	
Milk refund	-		-	
Grants (specify)	-		-	
Grant	-		-	
Grant	-		-	
Fundraising	1,308.56		1,286.18	
Donations	34.90		1.52	
Interest	-		-	
Other receipts	1,968.44		2,098.85	
Sub total	62,139.78		70,226.24	
Income from the sale of equipment	-		-	
TOTAL RECEIPTS (A)	£62,139.78		£70,226.24	

PAYMENTS	Previous year		Current year	
	£	p	£	p
Employment costs (gross pay + employer's NIC)	53,851.94		54,941.63	
Training costs	813.20		227.00	
Premises (rent, heat etc)	6,050.00		6,600.00	
Subscriptions	280.88		316.87	
Insurance	609.56		640.82	
Administration	1,314.75		1,313.96	
Refreshments	690.48		702.04	
Consumables (paint, paper etc)	1,629.80		1,648.38	
Fundraising costs	82.13		7.16	
Other	2,444.21		3,101.67	
Sub total	67,766.95		69,499.53	
Purchases of of equipment and other assets	-		-	
TOTAL PAYMENTS (B)	£67,766.95		£69,499.53	
NET OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS (A-B=C)	-£5,627.17		£726.71	
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c last year end (D)	20,834.63		15,207.46	
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c this year end (C+D)	£15,207.46		£15,934.17	

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

*Note: cash funds include reserve/contingency/deposit accounts.

		Current value	
		£	p
Cash funds (agree with the balance of the receipts and payments a/c)	(E)	15,934.17	
Debtors (money owed to the charity on the period end date)	(F)	214.50	
Value of buildings and equipment (current or depreciated value)	(G)	-	
Liabilities (loans and any other money owed on the period end date)	(H)	-	
Net assets (E-F+G-H)		£15,719.67	

Signed on behalf of the trustees (committee):

Signed MATTHEW FAUX Name MATTHEW FAUX Role CHAIRDate 22/10/25



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year
ended

31/8/25

Charity no
(if any)

1097701

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/8/25.

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:

HJO'Leary

Date:

28/9/25

Name:

HARRY JOSEPH O'LEARY

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

ABBEYMEAD ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES
C.I.M.A Part Qualified

(if any):

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Address:

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ABBEYMEAD
GLOUCESTER GL4 5GJ

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.

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