



Foxton Preschool Trustees Annual Report

For the year ended 31 August 2025

Charity Number: 1123552
Company Number: 06529682

Annual Report for Foxton Pre-School for the year ended 31 August 2025.

OBJECTIVES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

Foxton Preschool exists to provide high-quality early years education and childcare for children in Foxton and the surrounding area. The charity's objectives are to provide a happy, caring and inclusive environment where children feel safe and secure, develop confidence and independence, and gain the skills needed for future learning and development.

The Preschool follows the Early Years Foundation Stage framework to deliver a curriculum tailored to each child's individual needs through play-based learning. The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that the charity's activities provide clear public benefit through accessible early years education and childcare.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is:

- To provide a happy, caring environment where children and staff are safe and secure.
- To provide families with accessible, high-quality education and childcare.
- To help children develop confidence and independence.
- To provide an exciting and stimulating environment that fosters a positive attitude to learning.
- To lay the foundations for future learning.
- To work in partnership with families.
- To provide an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and respected.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Foxton Pre-School is a charitable company and is governed by a Board of Trustees. The charity operates from Foxton Village Hall and provides preschool education five days a week, Monday to Friday, with an optional breakfast club from 8.30am.

The Trustees are responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of the charity, while the day-to-day operation of the Preschool is delegated to the Preschool Manager and staff team.

Trustees serving during the year included:

- Beth Pyle
- Tracy Edrich (appointed October 2024)
- Ben Kershaw (appointed October 2024)
- Liz Mynott (appointed December 2024)

The Trustees were pleased to welcome several new committee members during the year, strengthening governance and providing valuable support for the future growth of the Preschool.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The 2024–2025 academic year was a positive and successful year for Foxton Pre-School. The year began with 18 children on roll, the highest enrolment for some time, and numbers increased to 26 children by April 2025. The Preschool continued to operate five days per week and maintained a strong focus on delivering high-quality learning experiences and care.

A significant achievement during the year was the Preschool's Ofsted inspection in October 2024, which resulted in a "Good" rating. The inspection recognised the strength of the setting and reflected the dedication and professionalism of the staff team.

The Preschool continued to provide a broad and engaging curriculum, supporting children's development through seasonal learning themes, creative activities, outdoor learning, science experiments, gardening, cultural awareness and school readiness activities. The Preschool garden remained a valuable resource, providing regular opportunities for outdoor learning and exploration.

During the year:

- Ten children successfully transitioned to primary school following a graduation ceremony in July.
- New children joined throughout the year, supporting the growth of the setting.
- Staff undertook extensive professional development and safeguarding training.
- The Preschool maintained strong partnerships with parents and the wider community.

The Trustees would like to thank the staff team for their dedication, creativity and commitment, particularly during periods of staffing challenge.

STAFFING AND TRAINING

The Preschool employed an average of six staff members during the year.

Significant staff developments included:

- Cover arrangements during maternity leave.
- Staff completing Early Years qualifications.
- SENCO training.
- Designated Safeguarding Lead training.
- Refresher training in SEND, child protection and safeguarding.
- Training in self-regulation, behaviour support, Prevent, FGM, domestic abuse awareness and fire safety.

The Trustees remain committed to investing in staff development to ensure the highest standards of care and education.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND FUNDRAISING

Community support continued to play a vital role in the success of Foxton Pre-School.

Fundraising events included:

- Bag2School collections.
- A successful Nearly New Sale.
- Easter Hamper fundraising.
- Christmas fundraising activities.
- The Family Fun Day held on Foxton Recreation Ground.

The charity raised £7019 through fundraising activities during the year. Funds have been used to strengthen financial reserves, support staff progression and purchase new construction and sensory resources for the children.

The Little Foxes baby and toddler group continued to provide an important community resource during part of the year, helping families connect and supporting future enrolment. Several children who attended the group subsequently enrolled at Preschool.

The Trustees are extremely grateful to all parents, volunteers, local businesses and community members who supported fundraising activities throughout the year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial position of the Preschool improved significantly during the year.

Total income increased to £94,225, comprising childcare fees and funding income of £87,179, fundraising and donations of £7,019, and bank interest of £27.

The Preschool recorded a surplus of £3,655 for the year, compared with a deficit of £5,035 in the previous year. This represents the first annual surplus achieved in three years and reflects increased occupancy levels, higher funding income and successful fundraising activities.

The Trustees believe that the Preschool remains financially viable and have prepared the accounts on a going concern basis.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees aim to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves to ensure the charity can continue operating in the event of unforeseen circumstances, fluctuations in enrolment or changes in funding arrangements.

The increase in reserves achieved during the year strengthens the charity's financial resilience and provides greater stability for future planning.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees regularly review risks affecting the charity and take appropriate action to mitigate them.

Key risks include:

- Changes in government funding arrangements.
- Fluctuations in child enrolment numbers.
- Rising operational costs.
- Recruitment and retention of qualified staff.
- Safeguarding and regulatory compliance.

The Trustees monitor these risks through regular financial reporting, policy review, staff supervision and strategic planning.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Priorities for 2025–2026 include:

- Increasing enrolment and maintaining sustainable occupancy levels.
- Recruiting additional committee members.
- Continuing to strengthen reserves.
- Expanding fundraising activity with a target of £10,000.
- Developing the Preschool's Forest School and outdoor learning offer through grant funding opportunities.

- Investing further in enrichment activities and learning resources.
- Continuing to recognise and reward staff through professional development and pay progression.

Signed:

Beth Pyle

Chair of Trustees

Date: 05-06-2026

Registration number: 06529682

Foxton Pre-School

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

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Company Information

Directors	E Pyle T Edrich B Kershaw E R Mynott
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Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Directors of the company

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

E Pyle

T Edrich (appointed 16 October 2024)

B Kershaw (appointed 18 October 2024)

E R Mynott (appointed 2 December 2024)

S E Ginn (Resigned 16 October 2024)

C K L Sleigh (Resigned 23 February 2026)

S Williamson (Resigned 30 December 2025)

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is the provision of a pre-school.

Organisation:

Foxton Pre-School is a registered charity under number 1123552. Foxton Pre-School runs from Foxton Village Hall. The Pre-School operates for 5 days a week. Monday – Friday 9-3.15. With the option of breakfast club from 8.30 am.

The Trustees employ suitably qualified staff to run the pre-school supported by a committee drawn from the parents of the children attending the school and other interested persons. Foxton Pre-school became 'Limited' in the 2008/09 academic year, due to the Garden project; therefore, the Pre-school also reports to Companies House, Company No.06529682.

Curriculum:

At Foxton Pre-school we follow the guidelines of birth to 5 matters under the Early Years Foundation Stage. Using this system enables us to plan a curriculum tailored to the needs of each individual child through play. We offer planning that leads to approved learning outcomes and prepares children to progress in all areas of development. We focus on each child's individual interest and extend their learning through engaging activities.

Our Ethos:

At Foxton Preschool our aspiration is to create an outstanding enabling environment and to plant seeds for future growth and learning development of each individual child in our care.

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Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

Our Mission Statement:

- To provide a happy, caring environment where children and staff are safe and secure.
- To provide families with accessible, high quality education and childcare.
- To help children to develop their confidence and independence.
- To provide high quality education and care where children develop the skills they need for learning in all areas of development.
- To provide an exciting and stimulating environment to foster a positive attitude to learning.
- To lay the foundations to their future learning.
- To promote close relationships with families and to work in partnership in building the education of their children.
- To provide an inclusive environment, where everyone feels valued, accepted and appreciated.

Review and progress:

September 2024 started with 18 children on role, our highest numbers for a little while. The opening of 5 days a week and the option for breakfast club. September saw Beth start her on maternity leave. Charlie joined the team as acting deputy covering Beth's maternity leave. Lucy started her level 3 in early years and education. The children settled in well, and enjoyed the topic of all about me, learning to make new friends.

October brought Ofsted -with a good rating received which showed the strength of the setting and the report is very positive and is a true reflection on the setting. Bag 2 school fund raiser. The children learnt about harvest, and Autumn.

November brought new committee members and gave us hope for a bright future and source of support for the setting and the growth of Foxton Preschool.

December brought Christmas windows, Christmas decorations Christmas crafts, Christmas photo shoot, Project Christmas hampers and Project Food bank.

January brought new intake of children, reaching a total of 24 on role. Little foxes opened on Friday mornings to encourage the development and waiting list for preschool. Panjarat completed her level 1 in early education. The children learnt about winter, hibernation and learning focused on science experiments.

February brought a successful Nearly new sale Charlie trained as ENCo coordinator. All team members trained in supporting children with challenging behaviour Kelly refreshed her SEND training, Charlie trained as A Designated safeguarding lead and Kelly refreshed her DSL training.

March brought Helen to the team on a 0 hour contract Charlie sadly broke her ankle which brought staffing challenges All team members trained in supporting children with self-regulation. Panjarat refreshed her child protection. Bag 2 school fund raiser. The children learnt about signs of spring, growth over time.

April brought intake of new children taking our total to 26 children in total. Easter hamper fund raiser. Visit from the Vicar and the children learnt about the Easter story.

May brought Beth's return from Maternity leave. The children planted seeds in our garden.

June brought A very successful family fun day. The children learnt had lots of fun learning about safety in the sun, learning about different countries and learning about different cultures.

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Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

July brought Charlie back on a slow return to work over the course of the last few weeks before the end of term. We had 10 children graduating to primary school, therefore we supported the children and families with the support in transitioning to school. Beth completed her fire safety training. All team members trained in prevent, FGM, domestic violence. We had a very successful Sports day. The children and families had a wonderful end of year party and celebrations for a successful year at Foxton preschool. We raised an incredible amount for Preschool with various fund raising events.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved and authorised by the Board on 18 May 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

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E Pyle
Director

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Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Turnover		94,225	44,874
Cost of sales		<u>(77,548)</u>	<u>(38,570)</u>
Gross surplus		16,677	6,304
Administrative expenses		<u>(13,022)</u>	<u>(11,339)</u>
Operating surplus/(deficit)		<u>3,655</u>	<u>(5,035)</u>
Surplus/(deficit) before tax		<u>3,655</u>	<u>(5,035)</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the financial year		<u><u>3,655</u></u>	<u><u>(5,035)</u></u>

The above results were derived from continuing operations.

The company has no recognised gains or losses for the year other than the results above.

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Foxton Pre-School
(Registration number: 06529682)
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	4	797	136
Cash at bank and in hand		20,319	14,609
		21,116	14,745
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	5	(4,058)	(1,342)
Net assets		17,058	13,403
Reserves			
Retained earnings		17,058	13,403
Surplus		17,058	13,403

For the financial year ending 31 August 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved and authorised by the Board on 18 May 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

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E Pyle
Director

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Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	Retained earnings £	Total £
At 1 September 2024	13,403	13,403
Surplus for the year	3,655	3,655
At 31 August 2025	17,058	17,058
	Retained earnings £	Total £
At 1 September 2023	18,438	18,438
Deficit for the year	(5,035)	(5,035)
At 31 August 2024	13,403	13,403

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Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

1 General information

The company is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £Nil towards the assets of the company in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

11 Hardman Road

Foxton

Cambridge

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These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board on 18 May 2026.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 1A smaller entities - 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006 (as applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime).

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention except that as disclosed in the accounting policies certain items are shown at fair value.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Revenue recognition

Turnover comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods and provision of services in the ordinary course of the company's activities. Turnover is shown net of sales/value added tax, returns, rebates and discounts.

The company recognises revenue when:

The amount of revenue can be reliably measured;

it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity;

and specific criteria have been met for each of the company's activities.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the company does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Defined contribution pension obligation

A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the company has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

3 Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year, was 6 (2024 - 4).

4 Debtors

	2025	2024
Current	£	£
Trade debtors	(250)	136
Other debtors	1,047	-
	<u>797</u>	<u>136</u>

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Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

5 Creditors

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Trade creditors	8	58
Taxation and social security	-	544
Accruals and deferred income	3,601	-
Other creditors	449	740
	<u>4,058</u>	<u>1,342</u>

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Detailed Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Turnover (analysed below)	94,225	44,874
Cost of sales (analysed below)	<u>(77,548)</u>	<u>(38,570)</u>
Gross surplus	<u>16,677</u>	<u>6,304</u>
Gross surplus (%)	17.7%	14.05%
Administrative expenses		
Employment costs (analysed below)	(72)	(245)
Establishment costs (analysed below)	(8,801)	(5,827)
General administrative expenses (analysed below)	(3,966)	(5,136)
Finance charges (analysed below)	<u>(183)</u>	<u>(131)</u>
	<u>(13,022)</u>	<u>(11,339)</u>
Operating surplus/(deficit)	<u>3,655</u>	<u>(5,035)</u>
Surplus/(deficit) before tax	<u><u>3,655</u></u>	<u><u>(5,035)</u></u>

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Detailed Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Turnover		
Sales	87,179	41,977
Fundraising and donations	7,019	2,483
Interest received	27	414
	<u>94,225</u>	<u>44,874</u>
Cost of sales		
Purchases	(3,918)	(2,080)
Wages and salaries (excluding directors)	(72,175)	(36,025)
Staff pensions (Defined contribution)	(1,455)	(465)
	<u>(77,548)</u>	<u>(38,570)</u>
Employment costs		
Staff training	<u>(72)</u>	<u>(245)</u>
Establishment costs		
Rent	(7,747)	(5,089)
Insurance	(669)	(644)
Repairs and renewals	(385)	(94)
	<u>(8,801)</u>	<u>(5,827)</u>
General administrative expenses		
Telephone and fax	(169)	(291)
Printing, postage and stationery	(244)	(284)
Trade subscriptions	(1,017)	(870)
Sundry expenses	(6)	(100)
Travel and subsistence	(41)	-
Staff entertaining	(39)	(13)
Customer entertaining (disallowable for tax)	-	(25)
Accountancy fees	(2,450)	(3,313)
Legal and professional fees	-	(240)
	<u>(3,966)</u>	<u>(5,136)</u>
Finance charges		
Bank charges	<u>(183)</u>	<u>(131)</u>

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S UNQUALIFIED REPORT

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Foxton Pre-School (Charity reg.no. 1123552)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 of disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006 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.



Lisa King
Burdett King Accountancy Limited

Date: 21 May 2026

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