

THE BEECHES PRESCHOOL

Charity Commission Registered No: 1124606

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

For the financial period ending 31st July 2025

Beeches Preschool
Trustee Annual Report
For the year ending 31st July 2025

The trustees present their report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st July 2025.

Reference and Administrative Details:

Registered Name:	Beeches Preschool	
Charity No:	1124606	
Operational Address:	The Allama Iqbal Family Centre 157 Cromwell Road Peterborough PE1 2EL	
Trustees at date of Report:	Chair	Klaudia Wiecka-Afify
	Member	Rachel Casbon
		Shoshti Majid
		Pauline Roberts
Other Trustees who served in the year:	Vilune Jamil (left 22 nd October 2025)	
Bankers:	HSBC Bank Plc	
Independent Examiner:	Mark Bedford MAAT 11 Belton Road Stanground Peterborough PE2 8UU	

Structure Governance and Management

The preschool is a membership organisation governed by the model Pre-school Learning Alliance Constitution 2011, which was adopted on 7th May 2014. Members can be parents or guardians of all children who attend playgroup or other interested individuals approved by the Committee.

Committee members, who act as the charity trustees, are appointed or confirmed at the Annual General Meeting. All committee members give their time on a voluntary basis and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Objects and Activities

The objects are, as set out in the constitution, to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups and by:

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- (a) offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, family learning and extended hours groups, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of such groups, ensuring that such groups offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability;
- (b) encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local areas;
- (c) instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.

Public benefit

In planning and delivering its activities, the preschool has had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, ensuring that its work benefits children and families within the local community. Fees are kept as low as possible, while maintaining quality and sustainability, to ensure provision remains affordable and inclusive.

Achievements and Performance

The preschool remained busy throughout the year and operated close to full capacity, including five children staying for lunch as part of the 30-hour funded entitlement.

The Manager took part in the REAL project, working with families to support children's literacy development at home and in the wider environment. We ran sessions for families during term time to promote the use of books, welcomed a visit from the National Literacy Trust Book Bus, and had a return visit from the children's librarian. We continued to ensure that families had access to books at home.

We supported families with school admissions and provided additional help to families experiencing homelessness. Four families were referred to Barnardo's for Christmas hampers and presents for their children as part of our family support. We offered work experience placements to students from local secondary schools and supported a college student completing her Level 3 qualification.

We marked the retirement of a long-standing member of staff in July 2025, following nearly 30 years of dedicated service to the preschool. Her commitment and contribution over many years had a lasting positive impact on the setting and the families it supports, and she is warmly remembered.

Reserves policy

Reserves act as a cushion for any loss of income and unforeseen situations. Throughout the year, balances remained above the reserves level, currently set at £89,464. Reserves are calculated to cover redundancy payments, 12 weeks' pay in lieu of notice where applicable, plus one month's costs.

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Financial Review

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice. They are also responsible for safeguarding the Charity's assets and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities. As a small charity, the accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis, which records actual cash received and paid during the year and does not include year-end accruals or adjustments.

For the financial year ending 31st July 2025, the accounts show a deficit of £585, compared to a surplus of £12,428 in the previous year.

Total income for the year was £193,535, an increase of £9,874 on the previous year. This increase was primarily driven by higher NEF funding, which rose by £9,296, alongside an increase in other funding, predominantly SEND-related. Bank interest remained stable, and no income was received from donations, grants, or fundraising activities during the year.

Total expenditure increased to £194,120 from £171,233 in the previous year. This was mainly due to a £16,524 rise in staff wages, reflecting the National Minimum Wage increase in April 2024, together with higher expenditure on resources and premises costs. Other expenditure remained broadly in line with the previous year, with only minor fluctuations across training, consumables, professional fees, and administration.

Although the year ended with a small deficit, reserves remained well above the required minimum throughout the year. Increased NEF funding, together with careful management of expenditure, helped to offset rising operational costs.

The final cash balance at the close of the financial year was £120,184.

This Report has been approved by the Trustees and has been signed on their behalf by:

Signature: Klaudia Wreckhoff

Full Name: Klaudia Wreckhoff

Date: 07.05.2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDING 31ST JULY 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
	Year Ended 31/07/25	Year Ended 31/07/24
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	£
NEF Funding	174,797	165,501
Other Funding	16,003	13,626
Fees	1,500	3,234
Bank Interest	1,235	1,275
Other Income	0	25
Donations and Grants	0	0
Fund Raising	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	193,535	183,661
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Wages inc Inland Revenue payments	(162,375)	(145,851)
Training Total	(314)	(472)
Other Staff Costs	(196)	(64)
Resources	(6,746)	(3,048)
Premises	(13,745)	(11,997)
Consumables	(1,335)	(1,618)
Other Costs	(1,491)	(1,350)
Bank Charges	(60)	(62)
Professional Fees	(6,273)	(5,447)
Administration Costs	(1,495)	(1,234)
Governance Costs	(90)	(90)
Fundraising	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(194,120)	(171,233)
Net of Receipts/(Payments)	(585)	12,428
Balance b/fwd	120,769	108,341
Balance c/fwd	120,184	120,769

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST JULY 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS AS AT 31/07/2025	TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 31/07/2024
<u>CASH FUNDS</u>	£	£
HSBC (Current)	51,645	53,465
HSBC (Savings)	68,539	67,304
Petty Cash	0	0
Fees Float	0	0
Total Cash Funds	120,184	120,769
<u>OTHER ASSETS</u>		
	0	0
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Independent Examination	(90)	(90)
Gladstone Connect - Waste	(989)	(925)
	(1,079)	(1,015)

I approve the Receipts and Payments Accounts set out on page 1 and above and confirm that all relevant records and information has been made available for their preparation.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

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Signature

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Name

NOTES

1. No trustees received remuneration or reimbursements in the period above.

This independent examiners report relates to the accounts of

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Accounts are prepared for the year ended 31st July 2025

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 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 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;
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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 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:

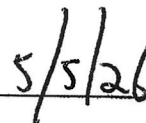
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met;

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date



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