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Financial Statements

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Lucy Good

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Incoming Resources			
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Pre-school Fees		59,047	85,764
Incoming resources from other trading activities			
Fundraising		8,483	5,312
Incoming resources from Investments			
Investment Income	3	1,705	1,503
Total Incoming Resources		304,121	280,282
Expenditure			
Expenditure on raising funds			
Fundraising		4,354	2,269
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Pre-school operating costs		41,473	26,169
Pre-school wages	5	270,060	215,039
Rent		11,639	10,800
Other Expenditure			
Bank charges		0	0
Total Resources Expended		327,526	254,277
Net Movement in Resources		(23,405)	26,005
Reconciliation of Funds			
Total funds brought forward		160,547	134,542
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Balance sheet as at 31st August

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Total Fixed Assets		-	-
Current Assets			
Sundry Debtors	6	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		137,342	160,747
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Less Creditors:			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	200	200
Net current assets		137,142	160,547
Total assets less current liabilities		137,142	160,547
Total Net assets		137,142	160,547
Funds			
Restricted Income funds	8	224	847
Unrestricted Funds		136,918	159,700
Total Charity Funds		137,142	160,547

Directors' statements for the period 1st September 2024 – 31st August 2025

For the period 1st September 2024 - 31st 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;
- the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts;
- these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007).

The financial statements were approved by the Board on [24th November 2025] and signed on its behalf by:



[Jennifer Mouratsing]
Director

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1. Accounting policies

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1.3 Resources expended

All resources are expended in furtherance of the provision of care, education and recreational facilities for the Pre-School children.

1.4 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. Hertfordshire County Council funding

	2025	2024
Two, Three and Four year old funding	£214,485	£167,538
Exceptional / High Needs Funding	£14,995	£15,880
Pupil Premium Funding	£5,054	£2,551
EYPDP Funding	£80	£1,520
Total Funding	£234,614	£187,489

3. Investment Income

	2025	2024
Bank interest receivable	£1,705	£1,503
Total Investment Income	£1,705	£1,503

4. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st August 2025 or the year ended 31st August 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st August 2025 or the year ended 31st August 2024.

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5. Employees

The average number of employees during the period
 Directors (unpaid)
 Management and teaching

2025	2024
11	8
16	16

Employment Costs

Wages & Salaries
 Social Security costs
 Pension contributions
 Charity Payroll fees

2025	2024
£229,111	£169,898
£27,374	£23,164
£12,495	£21,007
£1,080	£970

No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000.

6. Debtors

Unpaid invoices

2025	2024
£0	£0

7. Creditors

Unpaid invoices

2025	2024
£200	£200

8. Funds

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds of £847 were being held at the beginning of the year for forest school staff training. A number of staff completed outdoor training during the year totaling £623.

Movement in Funds

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Unrestricted Funds	159,700	(22,782)	136,918
Restricted Funds (Training)	847	(623)	224
Total Funds	160,547	(23,405)	137,142

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

OLD LONDON ROAD PRE-SCHOOL LIMITED

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1137573

Set out on pages

1-8

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 (other than that disclosed below *)

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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

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

Signed:

N. Langford

Date:

30/12/2025

Name:

MRS NICOLA JANE LANGFORD

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

CIMA

Address:

201 BEECH ROAD

ST ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Report to the trustees members of		OLD LONDON ROAD PRE-SCHOOL LIMITED	
On accounts for the year ended		31 st August 2022	
Set out on pages		1 - 8	
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Signed:		H. Jeffery	
Name:		Mrs Helen Jane Jeffery	
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):		CIMA	
Address:		201 Beech Lane 2nd Floor, West Park Aldershot	
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