

Charity number: 1141426

**JELLY TOTS PRE-SCHOOL
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102), and update Bulletins.

Reference and administrative information

Registered charity number: 1141426

Location: Southbourne Community Centre
Southbourne Gardens
Eastcote
Middlesex
HA4 9SQ

Banker: HSBC, 65 High Street, Ruislip, Middlesex HA4 8JE

Independent Examiner: Tim Markham, Windmill Hill, Ruislip

Registered organisations

The Pre-school is registered with the following statutory organisations:

Ofsted (Registration number EY430565)

Early Years Alliance (Registration number 107011)

London Borough of Hillingdon Families Information Services Department

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Trustees and officers

The persons who served since 1 September 2023 were:

Chair	Mrs A L B Lee (Resigned 21 st March 2025) Mrs TJ Holder (From 21 st March 2025)
Secretary	Mrs T J Holder
Treasurer	Mr S Murray FCA
Managers	Mrs C Williams (Resigned 21 st March 2025) Mrs Z Liddle (Appointed 21 st March 2025) Mrs J McMahon
Trustees	Mr J Crewe (Resigned 21 st March 2025) Ms A McKeever Resigned 21 st March 2025 Ms S Miller-Snell (Resigned 21 st March 2025) Miss K M Spencer (Resigned 21 st March 2025) Miss H Woodward (Resigned 21 st March 2025) Mrs Zoe Liddle (Appointed 21 st March 2025) Mrs Barbara Betterton (Appointed 21 st March 2025) Ms Nancy Twoney (Appointed 21 st March 2025) Mr Sean Murray (Appointed 21 st March 2025)

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Trustees' Report

As a charity serving the local community, we aim to keep the fees that we charge parents as low as possible. We were able to not increase our fees during the Pre-school year so that parents can plan accordingly. The pre-school specialises in helping children's individual needs so they thrive and are able to benefit from attending Jelly Tots Pre-school.

AGMs were held on 1st December 2023 21st March 2025 and the year's progress was signed by the committee. The trustees have approved the accounts by email.

Aims, objectives and activities

Aims and objectives

The aims and objectives of the Pre-school are to:

- provide high quality care and education for children below statutory school age;
- work in partnership with parents to help children to learn and develop;
- add to the life and well-being of the local community; and
- offer children and their parents a service that promotes equality and values diversity.

The Pre-school benefits all members of the public that require Pre-school places for their children in the area.

Principal activities

The Pre-school sessions are held in Southbourne Community Centre in Eastcote. The Centre charges a fee to the Pre-school which gives it the use of two rooms on the ground floor and the kitchen and toilet facilities. The Centre has a secure entrance with disabled access.

The Community Centre is sited within its own grounds with delightful gardens. The location has plenty of car parking available locally.

The Community Centre is in a residential area incorporating a wide variety of families from different cultures and economic backgrounds. The Pre-school supports children with learning difficulties, disabilities and who speak English as an additional language. Any parents in the area can send their children to the Pre-school. The Pre-school provides, when requested, subsidised place(s) each year for local parents who cannot obtain government funding.

The Pre-school has strong links with six local primary schools and nurseries and has established a reputation as a successful inclusive Pre-school. The staff of the Pre-

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school have established a good working relationship with the Early Year's Inclusion team of the London Borough of Hillingdon. The Pre-school is a champion setting for the "Attention Hillingdon" project, which is a programme to help children gain concentration skills.

The Pre-school is unable to provide afternoon sessions because the Centre is used by other organisations at that time. The Pre-school operates a successful lunch club if required by parents.

Activities during the year - The Management Team (Zoe Liddle)

The Pre-school can accommodate a maximum of 29 children, aged between 2 and 5 years old, in each session. As parents and carers determine the number of sessions their child attends, we can have as many as 60 children registered with us during a term.

We believe that play helps young children learn and develop through doing and talking, which research has shown to be the means by which young children learn. We use the Practice Guidance Early Years Foundation Stage November 2024 to plan and provide a range of play activities which help children to make progress in each of the areas of learning and development. We assess how young children are learning and developing by observing them continually. We use information that we gain from observations, as well as from photographs of the children, to document their progress and where this may be leading them.

We believe that parents know their children best and at our regular parent meetings we ask parents to contribute to assessment by sharing information about what their children like to do at home and how they as parents are supporting development.

Every child is allocated to a 'key' member of staff who will collect information about each child's needs, activities, interests and achievements. This information will enable the key member of staff to identify each child's stage of progress so that the key member of staff can decide how to help each child to move on to the next stage.

At Pre-school we always maintain or exceed the ratio of adults to children in each session that is set through the Welfare Requirements. This helps us to:

- give time and attention to each child;
- talk with the children about their interests and activities;
- help children to experience and benefit from the activities we provide; and
- allow the children to explore and be adventurous in safety.

All areas of learning are equally important, and we understand that many activities will cover most, if not all, areas. We always try to cover each area of learning daily. We train our staff to be good role models for communication and social skills, both to each other and to the children.

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We provide interesting and problem-solving resources and activities which all children can enjoy and so develop new skills. We set up the hall each day into specific areas of learning and provide stimulating and motivating resources including puzzles, play-dough, small-world, construction, literacy activities, numeracy activities, a book corner, water-play and role-play. Our staff are always on the lookout for when they need to offer support to children or when only encouragement is required.

We run key worker groups in a separate room each session so we can get to know the children in a smaller and more comfortable environment. This other room is also used for everyone to enjoy a story, singing and movement.

Staff and Volunteers

There are currently six members of staff at Jelly Tots, plus one payroll manager. Our staff have a variety of relevant early year's qualifications and many years of experience. All staff have current Paediatric First Aid qualifications. The staff attend regular training courses to keep up to date and learn new skills.

The trustees thank the excellent staff of the Pre-school for all their hard work during the last year, and especially the Pre-school manager/SENCO who spends many hours outside session hours dealing with the increasing amount of paperwork required and to whom the trustees are extremely grateful.

The charity could not function without the help of several individuals who give freely of their time to assist with the administration required to run a registered charity. The trustees would like to thank all these individuals who help with the running of the charity and who provide continuing support.

Fee charging policy

The Pre-school's fee charging policy reflects the objective of generating resources to cover its activities whilst not endangering the future existence of the charity. The Pre-school relies on fees from some parents to cover that part of its operating costs not covered by funding from local authorities and other organisations. The financial policy of the charity is to maintain a cushion of reserves so that, if unexpected adverse circumstances occur, the Pre-school can continue to provide sessions for children. Once this reserve reaches the level deemed sufficient by the trustees, then the Pre-school's fees are set at a level to approximately break-even each year between its incoming and outgoing resources.

The Pre-school has reviewed the fees to be charged during the coming year, especially for those parents on low incomes. When conducting this review, the Pre-school has referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance on public benefit and fee-charging.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The charity is governed by its Constitution adopted by the trustees on 18 February 2011. The Constitution is the Pre-school Learning Alliance Model Pre-school Constitution. Jelly Tots Pre-school was registered as a charity by the Charity Commission on 1 April 2011.

The charity has two classes of membership, comprising Family Membership and Affiliate Membership. The trustees of the charity are drawn from both classes of membership. The committee of trustees can comprise a minimum of five members and a maximum of twelve members, plus a further three members can be co-opted onto the committee.

The charity has three Officers who are members of the committee of trustees. The officers are a Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Appointment of trustees

The initial trustees of the charity were appointed from Family Members with children attending the Pre-school. Since 2023 following the departure of Ann Lee as chair, new trustees have been identified from the current parent body and wider community. Trustees will be elected at each Annual General Meeting, which is held during the autumn term of each school year. All Family Members are encouraged to nominate themselves as potential trustees.

Annual General Meeting

The Charity held its Annual General Meeting on Friday 21st March 2025 at the Southbourne Community Centre, Eastcote. The Chair gave an initial presentation to the meeting and then the Management Team explained the operation of the Pre-School to the assembled group and answered any questions.

Risk Management

The charity's major risk factor is that there is a reduction in the number of children attending the sessions, and therefore a reduction in fees received, either from fee-paying parents or funding organisations.

Internal risks are minimised by control procedures for the authorisation of external payments and require all cheques to be signed by two out of the three authorised cheque signatories approved by the trustees.

Organisation

The trustees, who meet formally when required, control the governance and finances of the charity and advise the managers of the Pre-school. The managers of the Pre-school make the day-to-day decisions about the organisation of the daily Pre-school sessions. The managers of the Pre-school are in daily contact with those trustees who are often Family Members of the charity. The Chair of the charity, who is in regular contact with

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both the trustees and the managers of the Pre-school, exercises an oversight on the Pre-school managers, especially on financial matters.

Related parties

Both managers of the Pre-school are trustees of the charity. During the 2023/24 year the Secretary of the charity provided administrative financial services to the Pre-school. All three trustees receive a salary for their work for the Pre-school but do not receive any remuneration for being a trustee of the charity. No fee was paid to the Treasurer for the current or prior years, and he has confirmed that no fees will be requested in this or future years.

Financial Review – Sean Murray

The funding for the Pre-school comes from parental fees, local government funding and donations. The Pre-school had an operating surplus of £51,832 for the year ended 31 August 2024, compared to an operating surplus of £9,821 for the previous year. Although the charity has a break-even approach to fee charging, the charity has benefited in 2023/4 from increased numbers of children at the school and additional sources of funding.

The Pre-school continues to benefit from the Government scheme to relieve small organisations of the cost of Employers National Insurance contributions.

The Pre-school had reserves of £83,776 on 31 August 2024. These reserves are retained by the charity to cover unexpected events. The trustees consider that the charity should have reserves in the region of £20,000 (reflecting costs for half a term) as part of its risk-averse reserves policy.

The Pre-school staff occasionally organise small fundraising activities such as book club sales, which contribute towards the cost of end of term parties for the children.

Investment policy

Surplus bank funds are held in a bank deposit account paying a commercial rate of interest.

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Reserves policy

The reserves policy of the charity is to maintain free reserves so that the Pre-school can continue to provide the contracted service to parents if buffeted by unexpected events. The charity considers that reserves of £20,000 should be sufficient to maintain the Pre-school sessions in these circumstances.

The charity operates a prudent policy for income recognition and fees are only included in incoming resources when they have been received.

Plans for future periods

The charity will continue to hold sessions in the Community Centre premises. These premises provide a pleasant environment for the children and excellent Pre-school facilities so admired and needed by the local community.

The preschool have recently set up a website, which will increase awareness of the services locally. The website address is <https://jellytots-eastcote.co.uk>

The trustees and the management team continue to seek additional funding, such as donations, for the Pre-school to strengthen the financial resources of the charity.

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Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

2025
Approved by the trustees on 19th June ~~2024~~ and signed on their behalf by:

T. Holder 19th June 2025

Mrs Tracey Holder
Secretary

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Jelly Tots Pre-school

I report on the accounts of Jelly Tots Pre-school for the year ended 31 August 2023, which are set out on pages 11 to 16.

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), 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 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 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.

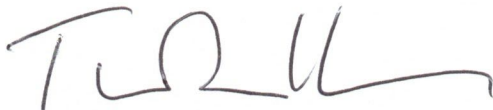
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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; or

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



T Markham
Windmill Hill, Ruislip
19 June 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	General Fund £	Total year to 31 August 2024 £	Total year to 31 August 2023 £
Income				
Income from charitable activities	2	124,019	124,019	63,215
Investment income	3	456	456	52
Total income		124,475	124,475	63,267
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	72,541	72,541	53,305
Expenditure on governance	5	102	102	141
Total expenditure		72,643	72,643	53,446
Net income (expenditure)		51,832	51,832	9,821
Total funds at start of period		31,944	31,944	22,123
Total funds at period end		83,776	83,776	31,944

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 14 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

		31 August 2024	31 August 2023
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		84,260	31,948
Debtors	10	150	-
		<u>84,410</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	634	4
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>83,776</u>	<u>31,944</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>83,776</u>	<u>31,944</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:			
Unrestricted funds	12	83,776	31,944
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		<u>83,776</u>	<u>31,944</u>

2025

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 19 June 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

T. Holder 19th June 2025

Mrs Tracey Holder
Secretary

The notes on pages 14 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the historic cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated, in accordance with:

- Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102), and Update Bulletins;
- And with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- And with the Charities Act 2011;
- And with Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Practice) as applied from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities and preparing the financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Income from donations is included when receivable.

Income from charitable activities is included when earned.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the year in which it is incurred and includes attributable VAT that cannot be recovered. Expenditure includes those costs that can be allocated directly to each activity.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its charitable activities.

Expenditure on governance includes those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which in all cases is estimated at three years. Items of equipment are only capitalised when the purchase price exceeds £1,000. No fixed assets have been capitalised in the past two years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Cash flow statement

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption not to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small reporting entity.

Current assets and liabilities

Current assets and liabilities are accounted for on the following basis;

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- Current assets at the lower of cost and net realisable value
- Current liabilities at their settlement value

Cash at bank and in hand

The charity's bank balances include short notice deposit accounts.

VAT

The charity is not registered for Value Added Tax (VAT). In these financial statements, where applicable, expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT.

Basic Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2. Income from charitable activities

	General Fund £	Total year to 31 August 2024 £	Total year to 31 August 2023 £
Fees	124,019	124,019	62,315

3. Investment income

	General Fund £	Total year to 31 August 2024 £	Total year to 31 August 2023 £
Bank interest	456	456	52

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4. Expenditure on charitable activities

		General Fund £	Total year to 31 August 2024 £	Total year to 31 August 2023 £
Salaries	8	59,079	59,079	42,820
Employer pension contributions	8	488	488	433
Staff training		-	-	35
Insurance		715	715	1,525
Hire of hall		7,770	7,770	6,330
Consumables		2,307	2,307	1,782
Computers and internet		1,001	1,001	380
Equipment		545	545	-
Office Costs		286	286	-
Repairs		350	350	-
		72,541	72,541	53,305

5. Expenditure on governance

		General Fund £	Total year to 31 August 2024 £	Total year to 31 August 2023 £
Subscriptions		40	40	75
Bank Charges		62	62	66
		102	102	141

6. Staff costs

		Total year to 31 August 2024 £	Total year to 31 August 2023 £
Salaries		59,079	42,820
Employer pension contributions		488	433
		59,567	46,800

The average number of employees during the year were as follows:

	Year to 31 August 2024 Number	Year to 31 August 2023 Number
Manager	1	1
Deputy Manager	1	1
Assistant Manager	1	1
Pre-school Assistants	4	6
Payroll Manager	1	1
	8	10

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7. Key management personnel, trustee remuneration and related party transactions

The key management personnel of the charity are the trustees.

No other members of the committee received any remuneration for their work as trustees during the year (2023: £NIL).

The following Pre-school salaries were paid to trustees whilst serving on the committee:

Mrs C Williams (Manager) – £1,346 (2023: £1,425)
Mrs Z Liddle (Manager) - £11,934 (2023: n/a as not trustee)
Mrs T J Holder (Financial Assistant) – £2,967 (2023: £2,600)

The treasurer (S Murray) received no fee for preparing the accounts (2023: Nil)

8. Net income

Net income for the year is stated after charging depreciation of nil (2023: nil).

9. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable activities.

10. Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Sundry debtor	150	-
	<u>150</u>	<u>-</u>

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Payroll and other taxes	634	1
Payments due to pension provider	-	3
	<u>634</u>	<u>4</u>

12. Movement in funds

	£	£	£	£
	1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	31 August 2024 £
Unrestricted Funds:	31,944	124,475	(72,643)	83,776
General Fund	<u>31,944</u>	<u>124,475</u>	<u>(72,643)</u>	<u>83,776</u>