

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2024–2025

Sallywags Pre-School (Edgworth)

Registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Charity No. 1171204

Introduction

Sallywags Pre-School continues to be a thriving and much-loved setting, offering high-quality early years education for children in the Edgworth community. Over the last 12 months (1st September 2024 – 31st August 2025), we have seen a steady stream of children joining Sallywags, with September 2024 numbers higher than the previous year and more families opting for full-time hours. Parents continue to primarily use their funded hours, and in response, Sallywags increased fees, consumables, and sport costs in line with inflation to maintain sustainability and quality provision. The setting remains a warm, engaging, and inclusive environment. Staff continue to deliver an outstanding variety of creative and themed learning experiences — including Halloween, Bonfire Night, Autumn, Diwali, Eid, Remembrance Day, Jobs People Do, Christmas, Community, Easter, and Superheroes — while ensuring diversity and culture are central to all activities.

Ofsted Inspection

In February 2025, Sallywags underwent an Ofsted inspection. Although the process was challenging, we are proud to have retained our Good rating. The inspector commented: “Children are well prepared for the future.” We have carefully reviewed the areas identified for improvement and developed a new action plan to further strengthen our provision.

Financial Overview

The financial year ending 31st August 2025 reflects a strong and stable position, with significant improvement compared to previous years. Sallywags achieved a 21% increase in Gross Profit, supported by strategic fee adjustments and tight management of costs.

Year	Gross Profit (£)
2025	150,840.92
2024	125,422.83
2023	127,050.40
2022	112,180.73

Employee costs increased by around 12.8%, reflecting national wage rises and employer contributions. In April 2024, we awarded staff a 4% pay increase above minimum wage, the first in three years — recognising the team's commitment and hard work. The Early Years Funding also rose from £4.95 to £5.18 per hour, offering modest but valuable support. Sallywags has moved from a loss in 2021 to achieving a profit of nearly £12,000 this year, demonstrating the combined efforts of management, staff, and committee.

Staffing and Development

Sallywags employs 7 members of staff, including the Manager. Elysia and Natalie have achieved their Level 3 qualifications this year. Linda, our Deputy for over 25 years, will retire in October 2025, and we extend our heartfelt thanks for her dedication and friendship. Zoe will assume the Deputy role four days a week and has prepared thoroughly for this transition, already serving part-time in the role for three years. Staff have continued to engage in training including Safeguarding, Paediatric First Aid, Wellcomm Communication, and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) refreshers. All staff have completed Level 1 'Mini Minds Matter' training to support children's mental health and wellbeing.

Fundraising and Community Links

The committee continues to support Sallywags through successful fundraising events such as the Bedtime Story evenings (three times annually) and the Mini Mighty races held in June, both of which raised essential funds for activity enhancements. Strong partnerships with local schools ensure excellent transition for children entering Reception, reflecting Sallywags' reputation for preparing children effectively for school life.

Future Goals

Sallywags aims to continue promoting community involvement and high-quality childcare through several key objectives for the next year: - Continue marketing through Facebook and the Red Rose Directory with the support of Hannah Stone. - Purchase two new laptops for the office. - Invest in new diverse books for the home corner. - Support the Committee to raise funds for new outdoor play equipment. - Monitor finances closely with the aim to reinstate staff wages to pre-2022 levels by March 2026.

Acknowledgements

"Thank you to everyone who has supported Sallywags over the last 12 months. Your dedication, creativity, and teamwork make our setting the wonderful place it is. I am incredibly proud to lead such an inspiring and committed team."

— Susan Langley, Manager



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Sallywags Pre-school

No (if any)
1171204

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start
01/09/2024

To

Period end date
31/08/2025

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fees	42,248	-	-	42,248	29,043
Fee Deposits	470	-	-	470	1,133
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	2,962
Nursery Education Funding	104,785	-	-	104,785	91,560
Sundry	2,238	-	-	2,238	846
Fee Vouchers	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	2,112	-	-	2,112	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	151,853	-	-	151,853	125,544
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	151,853	-	-	151,853	125,544
A3 Payments					
Wages	109,149	-	-	109,149	97,651
Rents and Rates	8,963	-	-	8,963	3,435
Premises Costs	7,287	-	-	7,287	10,419
Catering Costs	3,852	-	-	3,852	2,350
Consumables	4,255	-	-	4,255	3,257
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Office Cost	8,008	-	-	8,008	8,731
Sundry Expenses	837	-	-	837	1,431
Fundraising	43	-	-	43	-
Fee Deposit Return	-	-	-	-	450
Sub total	142,394	-	-	142,394	127,724
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	142,394	-	-	142,394	127,724
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,459	-	-	9,459	- 2,180
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	60,331	-	-	60,331	62,511
Cash funds this year end	69,790	-	-	69,790	60,331



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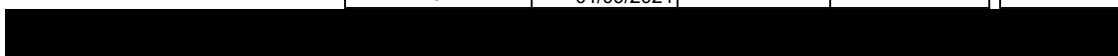
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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	RBS Bank Account	67,880	-	-
	Petty Cash	668	-	-
	Equals Card	1,242	-	-
	Total cash funds	69,790	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



Independent examiner's report
on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Sallywags Pre-school

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2025

Charity
no (if
any)

1171204

Set out on pages

1 to 2 (Receipts and Payments Account form CC16a)

(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 31/08/2025

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").

Responsibilities and basis
of report

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.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

Independent examiner's
statement

- the accounting records were kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records

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: **L Watson**

Date: 10/10/2025

Name: Linda Watson

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

Address: 462 Bolton Road

Westhoughton

Bolton BL5 3BQ

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.

NONE

Scallywags Year End Accounts 31st August 2025 SUMMARY

Gross Income

There has been a significant increase in Gross Profit of 21%. The fee increases along with the careful management of direct costs has created this noticeable difference, especially in comparison to previous years.

	2025	2024	2023	2022
Gross Profit:	150,840.92	125,422.83	127,050.4	112,180.73

Payments

The majority of the costs have only slightly increased from the previous year.

The employee costs (Wages, pensions, NI etc) have increased by around 12.8%, which given the national minimum wages increases and extra Employer NI pressures put on businesses, Scallywags have done well to control the wage costs against the balance of increasing the fees.

Summary

Given the concerns from last year's accounts, it is very pleasing to see the profits made in this tax year.

The business has gone from a huge loss in 2021 to creating a profit of almost £12,000, which is a demonstration of the hard work and efforts put in by Susan and her team