

# ST MARY'S PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1172430

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-04-05

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN IN WALES, BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR NEEDS THROUGH HIGH QUALITY PRE-SCHOOL PROVISION AND CHILDCARE.

**Activities:** We offer childcare for parents, grandparents and carers across Wrexham we are based in Wrexham District Scout Headquarters, Station Approach, Wrexham LL11 2AA. We offer Early Entitlement, elements of the 30 hours free childcare and play opportunities to enhance the learning of children in a safe, welcoming, warm, friendly environment. We operate Mon - Thur 09.00 - 15.00 term time only

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- Throughout Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£79,258	£67,725	-	-
2024-08-31	£57,648	£67,143	-	-
2023-08-31	£61,541	£55,487	-	-
2022-08-31	£74,301	£65,189	-	-
2021-08-31	£69,359	£65,191	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Alana Dianeke McHugh</b>	Chair	2021-04-16
Catherine Keech		2022-10-06
Catherine Valentine		2021-04-16
Charlotte Williams		2022-10-06
DIANEKE MCHUGH		2019-02-09
Ethan Gwynfor Sydenham		2021-04-16
LAUREN WILLIAMS		2019-02-09

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	09	2024		31	08	2025

### Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** St Mary's Pre School Playgroup

**Other names charity is known by**  

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1172430

**Charity's principal address**

Wrexham District Scout Headquarters
Station Approach
Wrexham
<b>Postcode</b> <span style="float: right;">LL11 2AA</span>

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Alana McHugh	Chair		
2	Charlotte Williams	Treasurer		
3	Catherine Keech	Secretary		
4	Kathryn Valentine	Trustee		
5	Dianeke McHugh	Trustee		
6	Lauren Williams	Trustee		
7	Ethan Sydenham	Trustee		
8	Eirwen Coasts	Trustee		
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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Committee
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	All trustees are appointed by the committee at the AGM

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All trustees have carried out basic awareness safeguarding level A training during 2024/2025 as a requirement for registration
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**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

The CIO's objectives are to enhance the development and education of pre-school children in Wales, by encouraging parents to understand and provide for their needs through high quality pre-school provision and childcare
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**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

### **Overview and Attendance**

During the 2024–2025 academic year, St Mary's Pre-School experienced a steady increase in attendance, beginning in September and continuing throughout the year. The start of the autumn term was particularly busy, as the setting had already registered to offer Flying Start placements in 2024.

At the beginning of the academic year, the pre-school supported:

- 8 Flying Start children
- 7 privately funded children
- 4 children attending after nursery sessions

Following the Easter term, attendance increased further to:

- 12 Flying Start children
- 6 privately funded children
- 9 Early Education funded children
- 4 children attending after nursery sessions

This growth reflects the ongoing demand for high-quality early years provision within the local community.

### **Inspection**

During the 2024–2025 period, St Mary's Pre-School underwent a joint inspection by Estyn and Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW). This was a demanding and challenging process, which created a significant level of pressure for all members of staff.

Despite the stress associated with the inspection, the staff demonstrated professionalism, resilience and a strong commitment to maintaining high standards of care, learning and wellbeing for the children throughout the process. The experience highlighted the dedication of the team and their continued focus on providing a safe, nurturing and inclusive early years environment

### **Staffing and Ratios**

Due to the increase in numbers, additional staffing was required to ensure the setting remained compliant with statutory staff-to-child ratios. Two new members of staff were recruited during the year, both of whom were students at Coleg Cambria.

The pre-school currently employs:

- 4 full-time members of staff
- 2 part-time members of staff
- 1 administrator

Five members of the team have been employed at St Mary's Pre-School for over three years, providing continuity of care and a strong, experienced team that works collaboratively to support children's learning and development.

### **Financial Overview**

In April 2025, the setting experienced a 25% increase in rent. This had a direct impact on operating costs, and as a result, a decision was made to increase funding contributions and snack payments from parents to ensure the sustainability of the provision.

No grant funding applications were made during the 2024–2025 period. This decision was based on the setting having stable and gradually increasing funding. Additionally, storage space at the Scout Headquarters remains limited, and there is the potential for relocation during the 2026–2027 period, which influenced financial planning decisions.

### **Language, Inclusion and Community**

St Mary's Pre-School is predominantly an English-speaking setting, with Welsh incorporated naturally into daily routines and educational delivery. The setting supports a diverse community, with children from Poland, Portugal and African Caribbean backgrounds.

Approximately 75% of children attending the pre-school have English as an additional language. Many parents are employed locally, including at Wrexham Maelor Hospital, Berwyn Prison and various residential care homes for the elderly.

The setting continues to actively support families in registering for Flying Start, Early Education, 30-hour childcare funding and nursery placements. Staff regularly assist parents in completing online forms, which is particularly important for families where English is not their first language, ensuring all children can access the education and care they are entitled to.

### **Educational Provision and Enrichment**

As an Early Years setting, weekly activity planning is based on observation and identified next steps to enhance each child's learning and development. A strong emphasis is placed on building children's self-confidence, communication and social skills.

Children benefit from regular visits within the local community, including trips to the library, museum, shops and the park. Fundraising activities take place throughout the year, enabling the pre-school to provide additional experiences, including a Christmas party held at a local indoor play centre.

### **Training and Professional Development**

With support from the Wrexham Family Information Service (WFIS), Flying Start Team, Early Education Team and Early Years Wales, staff and committee members have accessed a range of professional training opportunities throughout the year. This ongoing development ensures the setting continues to meet sector standards and deliver high-quality early years education and care.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We are ever grateful for the many hours volunteers and trustees have spent keeping the pre-school solvent which would usually include 2 or 3 fund raising events per year. We are especially thankful to the treasurer who spends time raising invoices and ensuring that they are paid on time. Without the valuable contribution of the volunteers, we would not have been able to improve the sustainability of St Mary's.

Financially we are more stable than we have been in the past 10 years. We have seen an increase in our funding following the increase in the children who attend both privately, through *Flying Start* and the *Early Education*.

We are extremely grateful for the significant time and commitment given by our volunteers and trustees, whose efforts have been instrumental in maintaining the financial viability of the pre-school. We extend particular thanks to the Treasurer for their dedication in raising invoices and ensuring timely payments. Without the *invaluable contribution of our* volunteers, we would not have been able to strengthen the long-term sustainability of St Mary's.

From a financial perspective, the pre-school is in its strongest position in the past ten years. Funding has increased because of higher enrolment across privately funded places, *Flying Start*, and *Early Education* provision. In addition, we currently hold three months' operating costs in reserve, providing a level of financial security should staffing adjustments become necessary.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Over the past year, St Mary's Pre-school has achieved a significant increase in enrolment, enabling us to support more children and families within our local community. We serve a diverse range of families, including those who have relocated to the UK to work at Wrexham Maelor Hospital. Most children attending the pre-school live within walking distance, allowing us to provide accessible, community-based early years provision.

Throughout the academic year, we delivered a full programme of high-quality, play-based learning that was carefully *planned and well* resourced. This approach has had a positive impact on children's learning, confidence, and wellbeing. Children benefited from weekly themed activities, small group learning opportunities, and increased time spent outdoors, supporting their social, emotional, and physical development.

A key achievement this year has been the continued development of our outdoor learning environment. This has enriched children's experiences, encouraged creativity, and strengthened engagement with the natural environment.

Our impact is underpinned by a highly experienced and committed staff team. Excellent staff-to-child ratios ensure that children receive high levels of individual attention, fostering strong relationships, meaningful interactions, and positive outcomes for each child.

In addition, we supported working families by providing a collection service from St Mary's Nursery. All children accessing this service utilised their 30-hour childcare entitlement, helping parents to remain in employment while ensuring children experienced continuity of care and learning.

Collectively, these achievements demonstrate St Mary's Pre-school's ongoing commitment to delivering inclusive, high-quality early years provision that positively impacts children, families, and the wider community.

**Section E Financial review**

<b>Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves</b>	The committee and trustees has constantly reviewed its reserves policy ensuring there is funding available to support any redundancies and running costs for three months
<b>Details of any funds materially in deficit</b>	N/A

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);</li> <li>how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;</li> <li>investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.</li> </ul>	<p>Our main sources of income during the year were parental fees for children attending St Mary's Pre-School, Flying Start funding, Early Education payments, and 30-hour childcare funding.</p> <p>The continuation of the 30-hour free childcare scheme has enabled us to further support families by offering additional wraparound care. This provision has helped parents and carers to return to work or undertake training and education.</p> <p>This funding has allowed us to maintain our staffing structure, including the employment of a supervisor working 24 hours per week, two part-time staff members working 16 hours per week, and one staff member working 10 hours per week. We also employ an administrator who plays a vital role in ensuring the pre-school operates efficiently and remains fully compliant with registration and regulatory requirements.</p>
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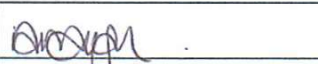
**Section F Other optional information**

<p>Future Plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We continue to promote St Mary's as an education setting for children aged 22 months until school age.</li> <li>We will continue to deliver elements of the 30hr-childcare offer, Flying Start, Early Education and childcare with wraparound.</li> <li>We work closely with the Family Information Service to ensure our staff can access support and training.</li> <li>Work in partnership with the Wrexham and district scout headquarters ensuring the new venue, is a place where children are comfortable and feel safe</li> </ul>
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**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		C. Keech
Full name(s)	ALANA MCHUGH	CATHERINE KEECH
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIRPERSON	Secretary
Date	28/01/26	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/09/2024	To	31/08/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Fees	79,088	-	-	79,088	48,474
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	170	-	-	170	8,674
Donations	-	-	-	-	500
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>79,258</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,258</b>	<b>57,648</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>79,258</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,258</b>	<b>57,648</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Trips	1,193	270	-	1,463	3,188
Snacks and consumables	1,297	-	-	1,297	725
Equipment	601	292	-	893	9,163
Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Wages	52,740	-	-	52,740	43,792
Staff training	246	-	-	246	380
Payroll and accountancy fees	1,545	-	-	1,545	1,463
Repairs and maintenance	135	-	-	135	82
PPS and computer/office	418	-	-	418	813
Insurance and subscriptions	913	-	-	913	847
Sundry	1,014	-	-	1,014	54
Rent	7,006	-	-	7,006	6,606
Bank charges	55	-	-	55	60
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>67,163</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,725</b>	<b>67,143</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>67,163</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,725</b>	<b>67,143</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>12,095</b>	<b>- 562</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,533</b>	<b>- 9,495</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,103	954	-	21,057	30,552
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>32,198</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,590</b>	<b>21,057</b>

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
	HSBC	32,198	392	-
	Cash	-	-	-
	Easy FX	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>32,198</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

**B2 Other monetary assets**

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

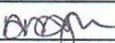
**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ALANA MCHUGH -	28/01/26
C. Keech	CATHERINE KEECH	29/01/26



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
ST MARY'S PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 AUGUST 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1172430

**Set out on pages**

1 to 2 and pages 1 to 7 of the Trustees' Annual Report  
(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.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do 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 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:**

**Date:**

**Name:**

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

FCA

**Address:**

10 EDISON COURT  
ELLICE WAY, WREXHAM TECHNOLOGY PARK  
WREXHAM LL13 7YT

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.**

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# Accounts

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**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

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**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

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**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (Include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

During the past year the pre-school numbers steadily increased from September.

During the spring of 2023 the church hall we used was condemned and we were asked to move premises. There was very little around that we could afford but eventually we were offered Wrexham and District scout hut, still based within the town. Throughout the summer we packed all the pre-school equipment and moved into the Scout Hut in August 2023. With the move we incurred a re-registration with the CIW, new DBSS's for all the staff and many days of paperwork.

We started the term with just 1 child and rent of £175 per week, we steadily increased the numbers with most children being of foreign nationality. Their parents either working at the hospital, in the prison or the caring profession.

We decided as a committee and trustees to become a Flying Start setting in the hope that this would increase the children. All the paperwork was completed, and we were granted Flying Start status from February 2024. St Mary's offer wrap around care using the 30-hour childcare funding, where children are collected from St Mary's nursery at 11.30 and brought to St Mary's Pre-school until 3pm.

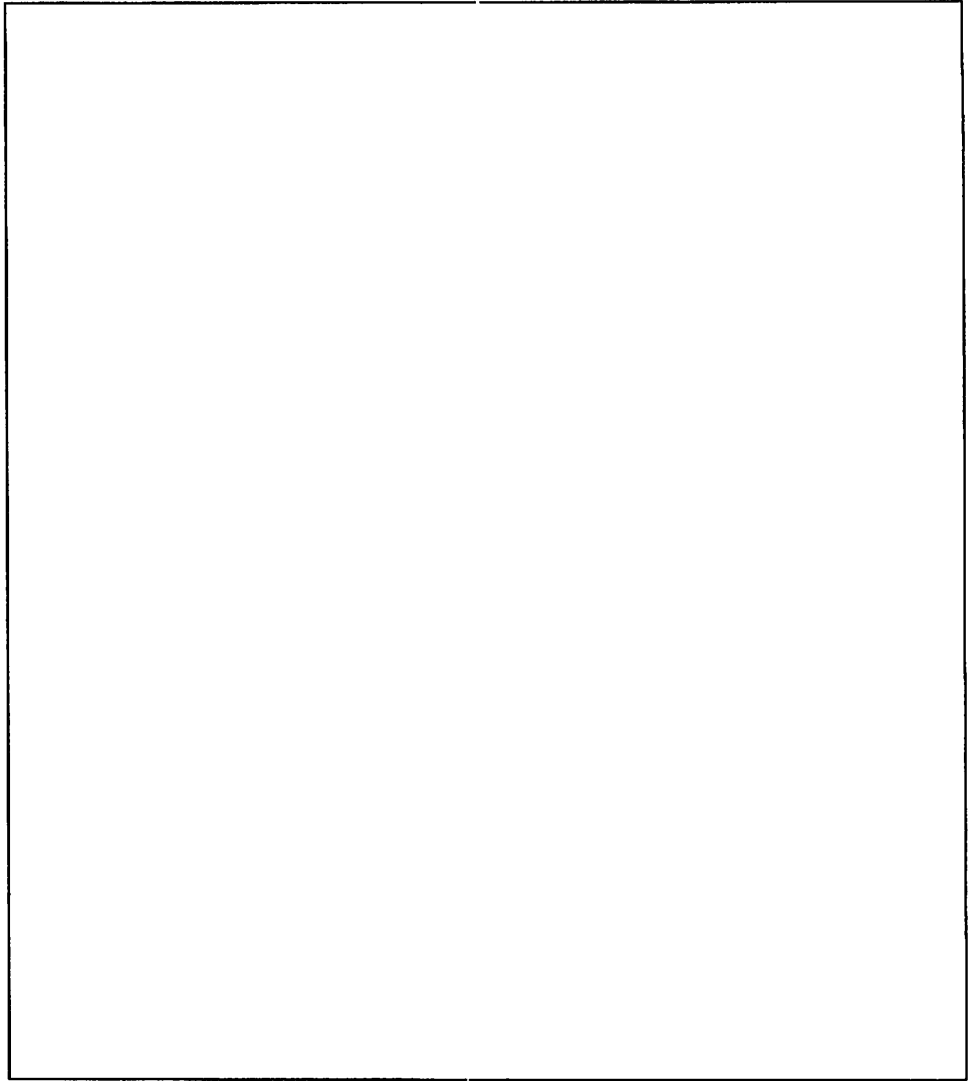
We are predominantly an English-speaking setting where Welsh is incorporated in our everyday delivery of education and childcare. We also have children attending who are Polish, Portuguese, Malandain and African Caribbean. We have continued to support families to register their children for Early Education, 30-hour funding and nursery by supporting them to access the forms online as many families, where English is their second language, this is vital in ensuring their child can access the education they deserve.

We have four members of staff, and an administrator all have been at St Mary's for over 3 years working well as a team to support the children's learning and development.

St Mary's has received several grants through the year. Small Capital grant of £2228 used for new storage cupboards, £200 from Flying Start for the purchase of new hard books for the younger children, Early Years Wales grant of £500 to support the build of a new Webb Page, £1000 from Flying Start to help with new resources, £2500 from Arts Council for Wales to deliver a project to support our outdoor area, £1120 RRRS grant to help support the delivery of the Early Education. All grant funding has been evaluated and returned to the funders.

As an Early Years setting, we plan activities each week and use next steps to enhance and improve the children's learning. Ensuring that they improve their self-confidence and social skills. We enjoy trips to local communities including the library, museum, shops and the park. We also fund raise throughout the year to provide a Christmas party at a local indoor play arena.

With support from WFIS (Wrexham Family Information Service) Early Education team and Early Years Wales, members of St Mary's staff and committee have had access to training about being a charity organisation and the implications it has on each member.



**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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- policy on grantmaking;
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Financially we are more stable than we have been in the past 10 years. We have seen an increase in our funding following the increase in the children who attend both privately, through Flying Start and the Early Education. We have three-month operating funding in reserve should we need to make staff redundant.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

St Mary's has increased the children who attend the setting by 95% over the past 12 months. We have many children whose parents have come over to the UK to work in the local Wrexham Maelor Hospital. Most of the children who attend St Mary's live within walking distance of the pre-school. This year we've provided a full academic year of high quality, carefully planned and well-resourced play-based learning.

The children have benefited from themed sessions each week, small group work, and a lot more time outdoors. We've been working in partnership with Arts Council for Wales to improve our outdoor area. Our children have continued to benefit from a staff team with great experience. The children received lots of adult interaction and benefit from an excellent staff to child ratio.

We offer collection of children from St Mary's nursery; all these children use their 30-hour childcare funding, thus supporting parents who work.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As we have been continually receiving grant funding during the past 12 months the committee has constantly reviewed its reserves policy ensuring there is funding available to support any redundancies and running costs for three months

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our main source of income for this year has been from fees paid by the parents for their child to attend St Mary's Pre School, Early Education payments and 30-hour funding. We had 1 term of funding through Flying Start for one child.

With the continuation of 30 hours free childcare, we have been able to support families with additional wrap around care allowing parents/carers to return to work or attend training.

Funding has allowed us to continue employing a supervisor working 24 hours per week, two part time staff members working 16 hours and one member of staff working 12 hours per week. We also employ an administrator who ensures that the pre-school continues to run effectively and within the boundaries of the registration requirements.

## Section F

## Other optional information

### Future Plans:


- We continue to promote St Mary's as an education setting for children aged 22 months until school age.
- We will continue to deliver elements of the 30hr-childcare offer, Flying Start, Early Education and childcare with wraparound.
- We work closely with the Family Information Service to ensure our staff can access support and training.
- Work in partnership with our new venue, ensure the children are comfortable and feel safe

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

### Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		C Keech
Full name(s)	ALANA McHUGH	Catherine Keech
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	Secretary
Date	27/02/25	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
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Section A Receipts and payments

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<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Fees	48,474	-	-	48,474	55,043
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	611
WCBC grants	7,474	1,200	-	8,674	5,887
Donations	500	-	-	500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>56,448</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,648</b>	<b>61,541</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>56,448</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,648</b>	<b>61,541</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Trips	3,188	-	-	3,188	2,036
Snacks and consumables	725	-	-	725	1,566
Equipment	8,917	246	-	9,163	3,358
Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Wages	43,792	-	-	43,792	43,021
Staff training	380	-	-	380	384
Payroll and accountancy fees	1,463	-	-	1,463	1,455
Repairs and maintenance	52	-	-	52	1,749
PPS and computer/office	813	-	-	813	237
Insurance and subscriptions	847	-	-	847	1,174
Sundry	54	-	-	54	439
Rent	6,606	-	-	6,606	-
Bank charges	60	-	-	60	67
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>66,897</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,143</b>	<b>55,487</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>66,897</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,143</b>	<b>55,487</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(10,449)</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,495</b>	<b>6,054</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>30,552</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,552</b>	<b>24,498</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>20,103</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,057</b>	<b>30,552</b>

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	HSBC	20,103	954	-
	Cash	-	-	-
	Easy FX	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>20,103</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>				

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-


**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
 C Keech	ALANJA MCHUGH Catherine Keech	27/02/25 27/02/25



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
ST MARY'S PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 AUGUST 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1172430

Set out on pages

1 to 2 and pages 1 to 7 of the Trustees' Annual Report

(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 / 2024.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do 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 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:

*Bruce Roberts*

Date:

18/2/25.

Name:

BRUCE ROBERTS

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

FCA

Address:

10 EDISON COURT

ELLICE WAY, WREXHAM TECHNOLOGY PARK

WREXHAM LL13 7YT

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

**ST MARY'S PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1172430

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 09	Year 2022		Day 31	Month 08	Year 2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

St Mary's Pre School Playgroup

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

1172430

**Charity's principal address**

Wrexham District Scout Headquarters  
 Station Approach  
 Wrexham  
**Postcode** **LL11 2AA**

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Alana McHugh	Chair		
2	Charlotte Williams	Treasurer		
3	Catherine Keech	Secretary		
4	Kathryn Valentine	Trustee		
5	Dianeka McHugh	Trustee		
6	Lauren Williams	Trustee		
7	Ethan Sydenham	Trustee		
8	Eirwen Coasts	Trustee		
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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Committee
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	All trustees are appointed by the committee at the AGM

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The CIO's objectives are to enhance the development and education of pre-school children in Wales, by encouraging parents to understand and provide for their needs through high quality pre-school provision and childcare

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

During the past year the pre-school numbers steadily increased from September. We did open the pre-school until 5pm from September but over a period the families stopped using this service, we then took the decision to close at 3pm with effect from January 2023. St Mary's offer wrap around care using the 30-hour childcare funding, where children are collected from St Mary's nursery at 11.30 and brought to St Mary's Pre-school until 3pm. We are predominantly an English-speaking setting where Welsh is incorporated in our everyday delivery of education and childcare. We also have children attending who are Polish, Portuguese and Mandarin. We have continued to support families to register their children for Early Education, 30-hour funding and nursery by supporting them to access the forms online as many families, where English is their second language, this is vital in ensuring their child can access the education they deserve.

We've had two members of staff resign this year to seek alternative employment. We have been able to cover their hours by increasing the hours of the staff already employed by St Mar's Pre School.

As an Early Years setting, we plan activities each week and use next steps to enhance and improve the children's learning. Ensuring that they improve their self-confidence and social skills. We enjoy trips to local communities including the library, museum, shops and the park. We also fund raise throughout the year to provide a Christmas party at a local indoor play arena.

With support from WFIS (Wrexham Family Information Service) Early Education team and Early Years Wales, members of St Mary's staff and committee have had access to training about being a charity organisation and the implications it has on each member.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We are ever grateful for the many hours volunteers and trustees have spent keeping the pre-school solvent which would usually include 2 or 3 fund raising events per year. We are especially thankful to the treasurer who spends time raising invoices and ensuring that they are paid on time. Without the valuable contribution of the volunteers, we would not have been able to improve the sustainability of St Mary's.

Financially we are more stable than we have been in the past 10 years. We have seen an increase in our funding following the increase in the children who attend both privately and through the Early Education. We have three-month operating funding in reserve should we need to make staff redundant.

In April 2023 we were informed, by the church committee, that we would have to vacate our premises at St Mary's Church. The church is having some major refurbishment completed on the floor and will be using the church hall as a church for the congregation. This was a devastating news to us as we have been at the church hall for the past 40 years. After much searching, we have re-registered the pre-school at Wrexham District Scout Headquarters and moved there in September 2023. This is expected to have a financial implication to the pre-school as we are now charged £175 per week for rent, something we never paid at the church hall.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

St Mary's has increased the children who attend the setting by 95% over the past 12 months. We have many children whose parents have come over to the UK to work in the local Wrexham Maelor Hospital. Most of the children who attend St Mary's live within walking distance of the pre-school. This year we've provided a full academic year of high quality, carefully planned and well-resourced play-based learning.

The children have benefited from themed sessions each week, small group work, and a lot more time outdoors. We've been working in partnership with Leanne Lane (Yoga teacher) and little Hobbits (outdoor forest school). Our children have continued to benefit from a staff team with great experience. The children received lots of adult interaction and benefit from an excellent staff:child ratio.

We offer collection of children from St Mary's nursery; all these children use their 30-hour childcare funding, thus supporting parents who work.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As we have been continually receiving grant funding during the past 12 months the committee has constantly reviewed its reserves policy ensuring there is funding available to support any redundancies and running costs for three months

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our main source of income for this year has been from fees paid by the parents for their child to attend St Mary's Pre School, Early Education payments and 30-hour funding.

With the continuation of 30 hours free childcare, we have been able to support families with additional wrap around care allowing parents/carers to return to work or attend training.

Funding has allowed us to continue employing a supervisor working 24 hours per week, two part time staff members working 16 hours and one member of staff working 12 hours per week. We also employ an administrator who ensures that the pre-school continues to run effectively and within the boundaries of the registration requirements.

## Section F

## Other optional information

### Future Plans:

- We continue to promote St Mary's as an education setting for children aged 22 months until school age.
- We will continue to deliver elements of the 30hr-childcare offer, Early Education and childcare with wraparound.
- We work closely with the Family Information Service to ensure our staff can access support and training.
- Work in partnership with our new venue, ensure the children are comfortable and feel safe

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

### Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Alana McHugh</i>	<i>Lauren Williams</i>
Full name(s)	Alana McHugh	Lauren Williams
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee

Date 23/02/2024



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/09/2022		31/08/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Fees	55,043	-	-	55,043	55,552
Fundraising	611	-	-	611	609
WCBC grants	3,503	2,384	-	5,887	18,141
Government JRS grants - Covid 19	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>59,157</b>	<b>2,384</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,541</b>	<b>74,301</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>59,157</b>	<b>2,384</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,541</b>	<b>74,301</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Trips	1,950	86	-	2,036	1,256
Snacks and consumables	1,379	187	-	1,566	1,696
Equipment	1,560	1,798	-	3,358	6,825
Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Wages	43,021	-	-	43,021	39,849
Staff training	84	300	-	384	40
Payroll and accountancy fees	1,455	-	-	1,455	816
Repairs and maintenance	1,737	13	-	1,749	12,254
PPS and computer/office	237	-	-	237	1,227
Insurance and subscriptions	1,174	-	-	1,174	786
Sundry	439	-	-	439	390
Bank charges	67	-	-	67	51
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>53,103</b>	<b>2,384</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,487</b>	<b>65,189</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>53,103</b>	<b>2,384</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,487</b>	<b>65,189</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>6,054</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,054</b>	<b>9,112</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>24,498</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,498</b>	<b>15,386</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>30,552</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,552</b>	<b>24,498</b>

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	HSBC	30,552	-	-
	Cash	-	-	-
	Easy FX	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>30,552</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Alana McHugh</i>	Alana McHugh	27/02/2024



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
ST MARY'S PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 AUGUST 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1172430

**Set out on pages**

1 to 2 and pages 1 to 6 of the Trustees' Annual Report

*(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 / 03 / 2022.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do 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 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:** BRUCE ROBERTS

**Date:** 22/02/2024

**Name:** BRUCE ROBERTS

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

FCA

**Address:**

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.**

**ST MARY'S PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1172430

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# Accounts

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/09/2021		31/08/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Fees	55,552	-	-	55,552	35,527
Fundraising	609	-	-	609	139
WCBC grants	4,250	13,891	-	18,141	32,811
Government JRS grants - Covid 19	-	-	-	-	883
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>60,410</b>	<b>13,891</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,301</b>	<b>69,359</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>60,410</b>	<b>13,891</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,301</b>	<b>69,359</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Trips	581	675	-	1,256	387
Snacks and consumables	1,696	-	-	1,696	1,041
Equipment	3,945	2,880	-	6,825	6,405
Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Wages	39,849	-	-	39,849	33,965
Staff training	40	-	-	40	65
Payroll and accountancy fees	816	-	-	816	836
Repairs and maintenance	2,075	10,179	-	12,254	20,535
PPS and computer/office	1,070	157	-	1,227	811
Insurance and subscriptions	786	-	-	786	1,035
Sundry	390	-	-	390	113
Bank charges	51	-	-	51	108
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>51,298</b>	<b>13,891</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,189</b>	<b>65,191</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>51,298</b>	<b>13,891</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,189</b>	<b>65,191</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>9,112</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,112</b>	<b>4,168</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>15,386</b>	-	-	<b>15,386</b>	<b>11,218</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>24,498</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,498</b>	<b>15,386</b>

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	HSBC	24,449	-	-
	Cash	-	-	-
	Easy FX	60	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>24,498</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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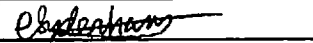

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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**B5 Liabilities**

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
* 	Ethan Sydenham	2/3/23
* 	ALANA McHUGH	02/03/23

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
<b>From</b>	Day 01	Month 09	Year 2021	<b>To</b>	Day 31	Month 08	Year 2022

### Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** St Mary's Pre School Playgroup

**Other names charity is known by**  

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1172430

**Charity's principal address** St Mary's Cathedral

Regent Street

Wrexham

**Postcode** LL11 1RB

#### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Alana McHugh	Chair		
2	Charlotte Williams	Trustee		
3	Catherine Keech	Trustee		
4	Beatriz Concalves Szabo	Trustee		
5	Dianeka McHugh	Trustee		
6	Lauren Williams	Trustee		
7	Ethan Sydenham	Trustee		
8	Kathryn Valentine	Trustee		
9	Eirwen Coates	Trustee		
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#### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Type of adviser	Name	Address

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Senior Supervisor Gwendy Sydenham March 2020 – August 2020

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After we opened following the covid pandemic, we have seen a steady increase in the number of children accessing our service both during the morning and afternoon sessions.

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Financially we are more stable than we have been in the past 10 years. We have seen an increase in our funding following the increase in the children who attend both privately and through the Early Education. We have three months operating money and funding in reserves should we need to make staff redundant.

## Section D

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## Section F

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Future Plans

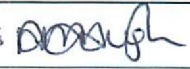
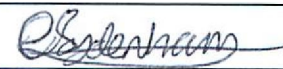
We continue to promote St Mary's as an education setting for children from 22 months of age until school age. We will continue to deliver elements of the 30hr-childcare offer, Early Education and childcare with wraparound. We work closely with the Family Information Service to ensure our staff can access support and training. We are currently running a pilot scheme where we collect children from St Mary's school bring them back to pre-school until 5pm. The results will be shared next year.

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)*		* 
Full name(s)	ALANA MCHUGH	Ethan Sydenham
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	Trustee
Date	02/03/23	



**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
**ST MARY'S PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

**31 AUGUST 2022**

**Charity no  
(if any)**

**1172430**

**Set out on pages**

**1 to 2 and pages 1 to 6 of the Trustees' Annual Report**

*(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 / 03 / 2022.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do 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 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:**

*B. Roberts*

**Date:**

**24/2/23**

**Name:**

**BRUCE ROBERTS**

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

**FCA**

**Address:**

**10 EDISON COURT**

**ELLICE WAY, WREXHAM TECHNOLOGY PARK**

**WREXHAM LL13 7YT**

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**ST MARY'S PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1172430

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# Accounts

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity name  
St Marys Pre School playgroup

No (if any)  
1173430

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2020	To	Period end date 31/08/2021
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Fees	35,527	-	-	35,527	25,353
Fundraising	139	-	-	139	540
Trips	-	-	-	-	-
Funding and grants	-	-	-	-	250
Moondance Foundation grant	-	-	-	-	5,000
WCBC grants	8,486	24,325	-	32,811	5,294
Government JRS grants - Covid-19	883	-	-	883	5,612
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>45,034</b>	<b>24,325</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,359</b>	<b>42,048</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>45,034</b>	<b>24,325</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,359</b>	<b>42,048</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Trips	387	-	-	387	612
Snacks and consumables	1,041	-	-	1,041	722
Equipment	2,080	4,325	-	6,405	1,335
Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Wages	33,965	-	-	33,965	26,973
Staff training	55	-	-	55	260
Payroll and accountancy fees	936	-	-	936	1,023
Repairs and maintenance	535	20,000	-	20,535	8,022
PPS and computer/office costs	611	-	-	611	121
Insurance and subscriptions	1,035	-	-	1,035	1,089
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	-	188
Sundry	221	-	-	221	317
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>40,866</b>	<b>24,325</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,191</b>	<b>40,661</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>40,866</b>	<b>24,325</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,191</b>	<b>40,661</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,168</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,168</b>	<b>1,387</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>11,218</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,218</b>	<b>9,831</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>15,386</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,386</b>	<b>11,218</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	HSBC	15,326	-	-
	Cash	1	-	-
	Easy FX	59	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>15,386</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>

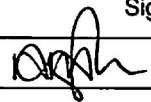
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Alana McHugh	17/3/22

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
<b>From</b>	Day	Month	Year	<b>To</b>	Day	Month	Year
	01	09	2020		31	08	2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

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<b>Other names charity is known by</b>			
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1172430		
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	St Mary's Cathedral		
	Regent Street		
	Wrexham		
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### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Alana McHugh	Chair		
2	Catherine Valentine			
3	Beatriz Szabo	Secretary		
4	Eirwen Coates			
5	Dianeka McHugh			
6	Lauren McHugh			
7	Ethan Sydenham			
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The preschool supervisor has this year achieved her CCLD level 5

## Section F Other optional information

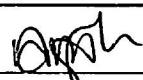
**Future Plans**

COVID 19 has had a serious effect on St Mary's during the past year however we expect this year will be one of growth with the continuation of new children entering St Mary's, continued delivery of the Early Years Education and further support to working families by continuing to deliver elements of the free 30 hours childcare. We will be offering to collect the children from nursery to support families who work or want to seek training or employment

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Alana McHugh	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	

**Date** 17 / 03 / 2022.



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of** St. Mary's Pre-School Playgroup

**On accounts for the year  
ended** 31 August 2021 **Charity no  
(if any)** 1172430

**Set out on pages** 1-2 and pages 1-6 of the trustee's annual report

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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.

**Signed:**  **Date:** 10/3/22

**Name:** Bruce Roberts

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

**Address:** Unit 10, Edison Court  
Ellice Way, Wrexham Technology Park  
Wrexham LL13 7YT

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