

OVINGHAM AND DISTRICT UNDER 5'S

England & Wales - Charity number 1176119

Details

Status Registered

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Registered 2017-12-06

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Activities

Objects: TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS.

Activities: Provision of childcare for ages 2.5 years to school age.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£66,919	£67,524	-	-
2024-07-31	£90,824	£90,355	-	-
2023-07-31	£87,949	£84,206	-	-
2022-07-31	£71,666	£78,335	-	-
2021-07-31	£72,919	£101,289	-	-
2020-07-31	£68,652	£63,336	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Charlie Downing		2024-11-12
Clara Jane Shield		2025-09-16
Dr Michael Price		2022-03-14
Mark Dawson		2022-03-14
Ronald Hall		2022-03-14

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Chair's Report 2024–2025, Ovingham and district under 5s

Finance update

This year has been a year characterised by challenge and resilience. Significant financial pressures because of lower enrolments have led to a weaker set of results than we would have hoped to have announced, however, the preschool has continued to deliver high-quality early years education through careful management, strong community support, and the unwavering dedication of our staff and trustees.

From a financial perspective, this past year has been one of the most challenging in our history. The trustees have closely monitored our cashflow throughout the year, recognising the pressures on both income and expenditure. For the financial year ending 31 July 2025, we are declaring a modest deficit of £605, with total income of £66,919 and total expenditure of £67,524. While the result represents a small loss, it is noteworthy that it is not larger, given the reduced number of children attending our setting this year. Our ability to limit the deficit to such a small amount reflects the dedication and careful financial management of both staff and our trustees. The bank and cash balance at year-end stood at £12,657, down slightly from £13,262 in 2023/4.

Expenditure was, as expected, dominated by staff costs, which totalled £56,836 (including salaries, pension contributions, and HMRC liabilities). Our dedicated and skilled staff team remains the cornerstone of the preschool's success, and we continue to look at options to improve pay and to offer more CPD, despite financial pressures.

Update on building project

We continue to make steady progress towards our long-term goal of securing a new building for the preschool. During the year, we reached a major milestone in agreeing a long lease with our landlord, the Diocese of Newcastle. Architectural plans have been approved in consultation with stakeholders, and comprehensive business plans have been prepared. The next phase will involve refining the drawings and seeking funding sources to bring the project to fruition. The trustees remain fully committed to delivering a sustainable, fit-for-purpose facility for future generations.

Governance & outlook

This year, we strengthened our governance structure by appointing two additional trustees. Charlie Downing was elected as Secretary for a three-year term, and we warmly welcomed Clara Shield to the team as our Fundraising Officer. Their skills and enthusiasm will be invaluable as we continue to develop our setting.

These remain difficult times for all early year's providers, particularly those in the voluntary sector, where the so-called "free" childcare hours do not cover the true cost of provision. The resulting tight margins limit our ability to build financial reserves, making long-term planning increasingly complex. However, despite these pressures, I firmly believe that our community-focused model of governance remains a powerful asset. We have an unwavering focus on the wellbeing and development of our children, and every decision the staff and I make, is guided by what is best for the children, their families, and our wider community. As we look ahead, enrolment numbers have improved significantly, and work on securing funding for our building is progressing. With that in mind, the trustees remain committed to ensuring the preschool's financial resilience and to ensure we continue to deliver high-quality early years education in an independent setting.

Dr Michael Price, Chair – Ovingham and district under 5's.

Ovingham & District Under 5s

**Ovingham & District Under 5s
Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 July 2025**

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Ovingham & District Under 5s

Cashflow Summary from 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025

Business Receipts	£66919
Business Payments	£67524
Cash Generated by the Business	£0
Bank and cash balance at 1 August 2024	£13262
Bank and cash balance at 31 July 2025	£12657
Decrease in bank and cash balances for the period	£605

Ovingham & District Under 5s

Income and Expenditure

Year Ending 31 July 2025

Income

Grant Income	£51799
Fee Income	£8860
Wreath Making Evening	£645
Proceeds from Raffle	£110
Small Grant Karbon Homes	£500
Grant – Ovingham Parish Council	£100
Interest Free Loan	£3800
Fundraising	£1063
Paypal Refund	£25
BT Refund	£17

£66919

Expenditure**Staff Costs**

Wages/Salaries	£50068
HMRC	£3935
NEST Pension Contributions	£2833

Total Staff Costs**£56836****Non-Staff Costs**

Tapestry Online Learning Journal	£162
OFSTED Registration	£50
Telephone/Broadband	£701
Website Fees	£121
Interior Repairs to Nursery Building	£600
Petty Cash	£360
Resource Materials	£1663
Pre-School Learning (Insurance)	£727
Portable Appliance Testing	£253
School Lunches	£974
PHS	£84
Wreath Making Evening – Costs	£608
Ovingham Oracle Advert	£15
Northumberland CC	£180
Loan Repayment	£3800
Bereavement Package	£27
Council Tax	£363

Total Non-Staff Costs**£10688****TOTAL OPERATING COSTS****£67524****Deficit****£605**

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 July 2024

Monetary Assets	2025	2024	2023	2022
Bank Current Account	£12657	£13262.00	£12793.00	£9050.00
Bank Deposit Account	£0	£0	£0	£11031
Cash	£0	£0	£0	£0
TOTAL	£12657	£13262.00	£12793.00	£9050.00



**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**



Report to the trustees

Ovingham & District Under 5s

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 July 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1176119

Set out on pages

2-5 of attached Financial Statements

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and basis
of report**

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").

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.

**Independent examiner's
statement**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

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

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- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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: Ray Marley

Date: 08/05/2026

Name: Ray Marley

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

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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.

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Chairs report 2024 – Ovingham and district under 5's

2024 has been a busy year for everyone and I am pleased to report on the progress the charity has made over the last year. Notably, we have secured a new lease on the land we operate on. The duration is for an initial period of 10 years, with an agreed trigger for an extension to 25 years, based on certain criteria relating to the redevelopment of the building. The trustees believe this provides opportunity to obtain funding for redevelopment and importantly, will maintain our status as an independent charity, accountable to parents and our community. This financial year we have invested a small amount over and above general maintenance, allowing us to increase the size of the space we offer and hence offer additional places. Subject to attracting more children, this should allow us to restore our reserves and continue to deliver greater investment in staffing and resources.

We received our OFSTED inspection in December 2023. The outcome was that we were rated as “Good”. This is the 3rd time in a row we have received a “Good” rating and is testament to both the quality of staff and the good governance we have. I want to congratulate the staff on this achievement. I would also like to repeat a couple of remarks made by the inspector, in particular that “children form strong bonds with staff, who are caring and kind” and that “children are happy, settled and secure [and] there are strong systems in place for assessing children's learning”. I could not be prouder of the team.

Our financial position remains weak, but like last year, I am pleased to report that we declared a small surplus. The trustees are confident that we will remain a going concern, subject to attracting sufficient children to our setting.

This year we have strengthened the governance team to better prepare us to deliver our ambition to redevelop our building. This year, we welcomed Clara Sheild as our new fundraising officer. Clara, who lives in Ovingham, is a successful social entrepreneur with considerable expertise of managing and funding social enterprises. We are extremely pleased that she has agreed to join the committee. In addition, our sectary and courier, Charlie Downing, was elected as a trustee for the first time, for a period of 3 years. I am delighted that Charlie has agreed to take on this role and look forward to working more closely with her as we start the process of redeveloping our site. Finally, our finance officer, Ronnie Hall, was re-elected as a trustee for a period of 3 years.

The governance of the charity is overseen by a committee of volunteers, comprising of 4 trustees, 2 of whom are parents, 4 nursery staff and 2 parent governors as laid out below. The committee met on 9 occasions in 2023.

Name	Role
Michael Price	Chair & Trustee
Mark Dawson	Vice Chair & Parent Trustee
Ronnie Hall	Finance Officer & Trustee
Elaine Punton	Nursery Manager
Wendy Taylor	Deputy Nursery Manager
Sarah Milligan	Nursery Practitioner
Rebecca Loughhead	Nursery Practitioner
Clara Shield	*Fundraising Officer
Charlie Downing	Secretary & Parent Trustee

**I want to thank the outgoing Fundraising Officer, Sarah Weaver, for the work she put into the role.*

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to remind all stakeholders that we are a charity and hence, rely on the support of parents and our community. These are difficult times for all early year's providers, with inflation considerably outpacing government funding which is the core of our income. Hence, I would encourage all parents to consider what they can do to help us in the forthcoming year – please get in touch with Elaine or I, if you would like to join the committee, or can help in some other way. I am particularly keen to hear from anyone with connections to trades people who could help us with our plans for redeveloping the nursery.

Dr Michael Price, Chair – Ovingham and district under 5's.

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Ovingham & District Under 5s

**Ovingham & District Under 5s
Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 July 2024**

Charity Registration Number 1176119

Ovingham & District Under 5s

Cashflow Summary from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024

Business Receipts	£90824
Business Payments	£90355
Cash Generated by the Business	£0
Bank and cash balance at 1 August 2023	£12793
Bank and cash balance at 31 July 2024	£13262
Increase in bank and cash balances for the period	£469

Ovingham & District Under 5s

Income and Expenditure

Year Ending 31 July 2024

Income

Grant Income £81856

Fee Income £8913

Sponsorship £55

£90824

Expenditure

Staff Costs

Wages/Salaries	£69832
HMRC	£6717
NEST Pension Contributions	£4481

Total Staff Costs **£81030**

Non-Staff Costs

Tapestry Online Learning Journal	£150
OFSTED Registration	£50
Telephone/Broadband	£607
Portable Appliance Testing	£233
Petty Cash	£310
PHS	£84
Resource Materials	£2317
Food Hygiene Course	£50
Pavilion Hire	£10
Council Tax	£153
Ramp Installation	£1290
Shed	£530
Shed Installation	£460
School Lunches	£3059
Oracle Advert	£22

Total Non-Staff Costs **£9325**

TOTAL OPERATING COSTS **£90355**

Surplus **£469**

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 July 2024

Monetary Assets	2024	2023	2022	2021
Bank Current Account	£13262	£12793	£9050	£4688
Bank Deposit Account	£0	£0	£0	£11031
Cash	£0	£0	£0	£0
TOTAL	£13262	£12793	£9050	£15719



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Ovingham & District Under 5s

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 July 2024

**Charity no
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**Independent
examiner's statement**

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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.

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

Signed: *Ray Marley*

Date: 15/05/2025

Name: Ray Marley

**Relevant professional
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(if any):**

n/a

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Section B**Disclosure**

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n/a

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Manager's Report for Ovingham & District Under 5's AGM 2023

I would like to start by saying thank you to the wonderful committee for all the work they have done, and this year they have been really exceptional. Mike Price who has made the role of Chairperson his own and increased the financial sustainability of the nursery. The rest of the committee have worked hard to raise funds and because of this the work has started to improve and to repair the aging building.

Staffing and Staff Training

We now have five permanent members of staff who continue their training requirements to ensure all statutory requirements are met.

Staff has accessed online training provided by Northumberland Early Years SLA

Including:

Food Hygiene

Designated Safeguard Lead Refresher

Making the most of the School Readiness Passport (part 2&3)

Pediatric First Aid

Level 3 SENCO Training

Early Years SEND and Inclusion Networks

Managing Challenging Behaviour

Sarah Milligan has taken over the role of Nursery SENCO after passing the fully accredited level 3 SENCO course run by OFSTED. As the course was attended by many professionals from all services for children, this has helped increase the profile of the nursery at a strategic level. Congratulations Sarah and thank you for your commitment.

Rebecca Loughhead will be starting her level 3 (Early Years Practitioner) course in the next few weeks. This course has been organised by Northumberland Early Years Team.

Events and Outings

April we held our Annual Bunny Bounce which raised a grand total of £322.00

June our wonderful local photographer Debbie Young came to nursery to capture the children's summer/graduation photos. We received £61.00 in commission.

July we organised a bus to take the children and their parents to the beach, which was a huge success and we hope to repeat this again in the summer term.

The funds raised ensured the all the children received:

- A gift for Christmas and Graduation
- Christmas, Easter and Graduation parties, with food & entertainment
- Beach trip & ice cream
- Plus the much needed improvements to our Forest Den

Education

In July we lost 14 children as they moved on to Ovingham First school reception class. Although it's very early to say, the transition to school seems to be going well and all the children seem to have settled into school life quite comfortably.

The nursery curriculum mainly uses 'in the moment planning'. This way of planning ensures that the child is always at the forefront of the skilled Early Years Practitioners minds.

Tapestry is going well and we are still encouraging parents to add posts from home. Parental input and feedback is essential to give us a wider understanding of each child's learning styles and experiences. The verbal feedback from parents about using Tapestry has been positive and says it gives them an insight to what their child has been doing whilst at nursery.

Parents as Partners

From parent feedback we will continue to improve our parental involvement levels. This is the first year in a long time that we have been able to carry out a more planned settling in period for new children, with very flexible start/finish times, home visits for children with specific learning concerns, and face to face parental meetings to discuss the children's development. We are in the process of introducing volunteer reading sessions, to bring parents or grandparents into nursery to enhance our love of books. Plus many more opportunities to bring parents into the setting to help bridge a shared ethos towards learning goals.

Numbers

Our numbers for this academic year, although quite low this term, we have a healthy waiting list for children wanting places in the coming months, showing more evidence that **Ovingham & District Under 5's** reputation is continuing to attract new families to the setting.

Thank you

Finally I would like to thank my staff team for being so passionate, for sharing my vision and supporting me through so many changes over the past year, their hard work is invaluable to the setting. To the committee for volunteering their time not only at committee meetings, but also their commitment to ensure the nursery's future. And lastly, to all the families who attend and support the nursery with their children - the fact is we couldn't do any of this without you.

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Ovingham & District Under 5s

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Business Payments	£84206
Cash Generated by the Business	£0
Bank and cash balance at 1 August 2022	£9050
Bank and cash balance at 31 July 2023	£12793
Increase in bank and cash balances for the period	£3743

Ovingham & District Under 5s

Income and Expenditure

Year Ending 31 July 2023

Income

Grant Income £70254

Fee Income £14195

£84449

Other Income

NCC Community Chest Payment £3500

Total Other Income

£3500

£87949

Expenditure**Staff Costs**

Wages/Salaries	£64535
HMRC	£7395
NEST Pension Contributions	£3788

Total Staff Costs**£75718****Non-Staff Costs**

Tapestry Online Learning Journal	£134
Early Years	£1525
Training & Development	£86
OFSTED Registration	£50
Telephone/Broadband	£674
Portable Appliance Testing	£233
Petty Cash	£1320
Reading Room Hire	£45
Capita Recruitment	£96
PHS	£163
Resource Materials	£2859
Consumables	£222
Council Tax	£658
Website	£171
Tyne Valley Coaches	£252

Total Non-Staff Costs**£8488****TOTAL OPERATING COSTS****£84206****Surplus****£3743**

Ovingham & District Under 5s

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 July 2023

Monetary Assets	2023	2022	2021	2020
Bank Current Account	£12793	£9050	£4688	£19061
Bank Deposit Account	£0	£0	£11031	£25028
Cash	£0	£0	£0	£0
TOTAL	£12793	£9050	£15719	£44089



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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Signed: *Ray Marley*

Date: 12/03/2024

Name: Ray Marley

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N/A

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Section B

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Chairs report– Ovingham and district under 5's

It's been just over a year since I was elected Chair and in that time the charity has made progress on several fronts. First, we have improved the financial outlook from the 20/21 position where, because of the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic, we declared a loss of £28,370. Although the accounts for the year 21/22 are yet to be finalised, we anticipate declaring a reduced loss, which will be in the region of £6000. In the current financial year, we expect to make a small surplus. Despite this representing a poor financial performance in recent years, we were fortunate to have amassed modest reserves and therefore able to continue to operate. The trustees are confident of the charity's ongoing viability and the outlook is much more positive as a result of the hard work of the staff and the volunteers.

From this stronger position we are developing exciting plans for the expansion and refurbishment of our building. The trustees are concerned that our building is almost 25 years old and in need of refurbishment. To this end we have secured modest funding from Northumberland County Council to extend and refurbish which we hope will add additional longevity to the building. We are hoping to start the work in summer 2023, subject to securing trades. The extension will provide space for an additional 8 FTE places, and we expect demand for places to increase through 2023 following several closures of pre-school providers in the area. Offering these additional places should restore the reserves of the charity, allowing greater investment in staffing and resources.

During 2022 we reviewed various operational and governance systems and as a result several initiatives have taken place. First, we have installed a new cloud-based IT system, ensuring records are kept in a secure and easy to use way and alongside this, we have launched a new website with access to newsletters, terms dates ad other essential information.

The governance of the charity is overseen by a committee of volunteers comprising of 3 trustees, one of whom is a parent, 4 nursery staff and 2 parent governors as laid out below. The committee met on 9 occasions in 2022 and there were an additional 2 trustee meetings.

Name	Role
Michael Price	Chair & Trustee
Mark Dawson	Vice Chair & Parent Trustee
Ronnie Hall	Finance Officer & Trustee
Elaine Punton	Nursery Manager
Wendy Taylor	Deputy Nursery Manager
Sarah Milligan	Nursery Practitioner

Catherine Kirkpatrick	Nursery Practitioner
Sarah Weaver	*Fundraising Officer
Charlie Downing	Secretary

**I want to thank the outgoing Fundraising Officer, Jill Summers, for all the work she put into the role and to welcome Sarah Weaver to the committee.*

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to remind parents that we are a charity and hence, rely on the support of parents and the community. These are difficult time for all early year's providers, with inflation considerably outpacing government funding, which is the core of our income. Hence, I would encourage all parents to consider what they can do to help us in the forthcoming year – please get in touch with me or Elaine, if you would like to join the committee or can help in some other way. I am particularly keen to hear from anyone with connections to trades who could help us with our plans for extending and refurbishing the building.

I want to thank staff for the work they put in to give each child the very best experience, day in day out. I also want to thank the committee members for the work they have put in as volunteers, particularly Charlie Downing, our secretary, who has been instrumental in helping to review the way we operate. It is pleasure working with such a committed and enthusiastic team.

Dr Michael Price, Chair – Ovingham and district under 5's.

Email: mike.price@ovinghamunder5s.org

Manager's report - Ovingham & district under 5's

I would like to start by saying thank you to the wonderful committee for all the work they have done, and this year they have been really exceptional. Mike Price, who took on the role as Chairperson this time last year has worked endlessly to ensure our financial sustainability. The rest of the committee have worked hard to raise funds and because of this we are now very excited for the intended work to begin on the nursery expansion. We are very lucky that they are all intending to stay on in their roles to support the nursery.

Staffing

We now have four permanent members of staff after saying a sad farewell to Ashley Joscelyne, when she left the nursery to continue her studies at university, pursuing a career in teaching. She will be sadly missed, but we wish her lots of luck for the future.

Due to redeployment of staff to support a child in the setting with additional needs we are now recruiting an apprentice to join us, and help ease the staffing structure.

Also, a big thank you to Jennifer Dawson for filling in as Bank Staff.

Staff Training

Staff have accessed online training provided by Northumberland Early Years SLA including:

Food Hygiene

Designated Safeguard Lead Refresher

New to the role of Safeguard Lead

Making the most of the School Readiness Passport

Pediatric First Aid (face to face course)

Early Help Assessment

The role of the SENCO

Early Years SEND and Inclusion Networks

Managing Challenging Behaviour

The Benefits of Loose Parts Play

Sarah has enrolled on a fully accredited level 3 SENCO course run by OFSTED. It's great that she is able to attend, as thousands of practitioners applied from all over the UK. The course will discuss issues around Special Educational Needs across all aspects of education. As the course is attended by many professionals from all services for children, this will help increase the profile of the nursery at a strategic level.

Feedback Forms

The feedback forms which were given out at the end of the year came back from parents with a result of: 91% of parents stating they **Strongly Agree** that their child is happy at nursery, and is happy with the care their child received.

Fundraising

We have only been able to hold a small number of fundraising events (mainly due to the ground works taking place in the school) a huge thank you to all who helped organise or contributed to the Christmas tea-towels, and Raffle. We had our local photographer in attendance for Christmas and the end of year photographs; as ever she was very generous with her commission contributions.

Going forward we are looking to reinstate our Annual Bunny Bounce, and cake stall, plus support the efforts of the committee fundraising officer and assist with their fundraising events.

Education

September's transition to school for the reception class went well and they seem to have settled into school life quite comfortably. We plan to integrate more with reception class from next term to extend the transition period.

The nursery curriculum mainly uses 'in the moment planning'. This way of planning ensures that the child is always at the forefront of the skilled Early Years Practitioners minds.

Following attendance of training we all think loose parts play is fantastic, as it allows us to not only offer open-ended activities to the children, but we can also do our part at re-using items which would have otherwise been thrown away. All the items used for our loose parts play are either donated or sourced locally.

Tapestry is going well and although we may only have a small proportion of families contributing to Tapestry in the way of evidenced – photographs and written observations from home, this is something we will continue to focus on. Parental input and feedback is essential to give us a wider understanding of each child's learning styles and experiences. The verbal feedback from parents about using Tapestry has been positive and says it gives them an insight to what their child has been doing whilst at nursery.

Parents as Partners

We endeavour to improve our parental involvement levels. This is the first year in a long time that we have been able to carry out a more planned settling in period for new children, with very flexible start/finish times, home visits for children with specific learning concerns, and face to face parental meetings to discuss the children's development. We are in the process of introducing volunteer reading sessions, to bring parents or grandparents into nursery to enhance our love of books.

With Covid restrictions relaxing we were pleased to be able to hold our annual summer trip to Daniel's Farm, using the train, and it was such a lovely day. We were delighted that parents could join us and help supervise the very excited children.

Numbers

Our numbers for this academic year, although slow to progress are pleasing and evidence that Ovingham & District Under 5's reputation is continuing to attract new families to the setting. Out of the 108 sessions we offer, at present we have 12 x 3hr sessions available over the week, these all being afternoon sessions predominantly Tuesday's and Thursday's.

We also envisage our numbers will increase when the planned extension is completed.

Thank you

Finally, I would like to thank my staff team for being so passionate, for sharing my vision and supporting me through so many changes over the past year, their hard work is invaluable to the setting. To the committee for their endless support in the setting, on the phone, and during committee meetings. And lastly, to all the families who attend and support the nursery with their children – the fact is we couldn't do any of this without you.

Elaine Punton

Ovingham & District Under 5s

**Ovingham & District Under 5s
Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 July 2022**

Charity Registration Number 1176119

Ovingham & District Under 5s

Cashflow Summary from 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022

Business Receipts	£71666
Business Payments	£78335
Cash Generated by the Business	£0
Bank and cash balance at 1 August 2021	£4688
Bank and cash balance at 31 July 2022	£9050
Decrease in bank and cash balances for the period	£6669

Ovingham & District Under 5s

Income and Expenditure

Year Ending 31 July 2022

Income

Grant Income £57978

Fee Income £13367

£71345

Other Income

HMRC Job Retention Scheme Grant £301

Paypal Refund £6

VAT Refund £13

Interest from Deposit Account £1

Total Other Income

£321

£71666

Expenditure

Staff Costs

Wages/Salaries	£61350
HMRC	£5675
NEST Pension Contributions	£3779

Total Staff Costs

£70804

Non-Staff Costs

Tapestry Online Learning Journal	£121
Training & Development	£115
OFSTED Registration	£50
Riding Mill Pre-School	£151
Telephone/Broadband	£916
Portable Appliance Testing	£205
Prime Membership	£79
Class Fundraising Products	£162
Galt Playhouse	£348
Personalised Polo Shirts	£60
Resource Materials	£3038
Consumables	£227
Council Tax	£69
Paypal Adobesystem	£197
Fun Farm	£263
Digital Camera	£89
Fencing	£1188
Garden Storage Cabinet	£103
Garden Storage Bench Box	£150

Total Non-Staff Costs

£7531

TOTAL OPERATING COSTS

£78335

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£6669

Ovingham & District Under 5s

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 July 2022

Monetary Assets	2022	2021	2020	2019
Bank Current Account	£9050	£4688	£19061	£13758
Bank Deposit Account	£0	£11031	£25028	£25015
Cash	£0	£0	£0	£0
TOTAL	£9050	£15719	£44089	£38773



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Ovingham & District Under 5s

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 July 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1176119

Set out on pages

2-5 of attached Financial Statements

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/07/2021.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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").

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.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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: *Ray Marley*

Date: 22/05/2023

Name: Ray Marley

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

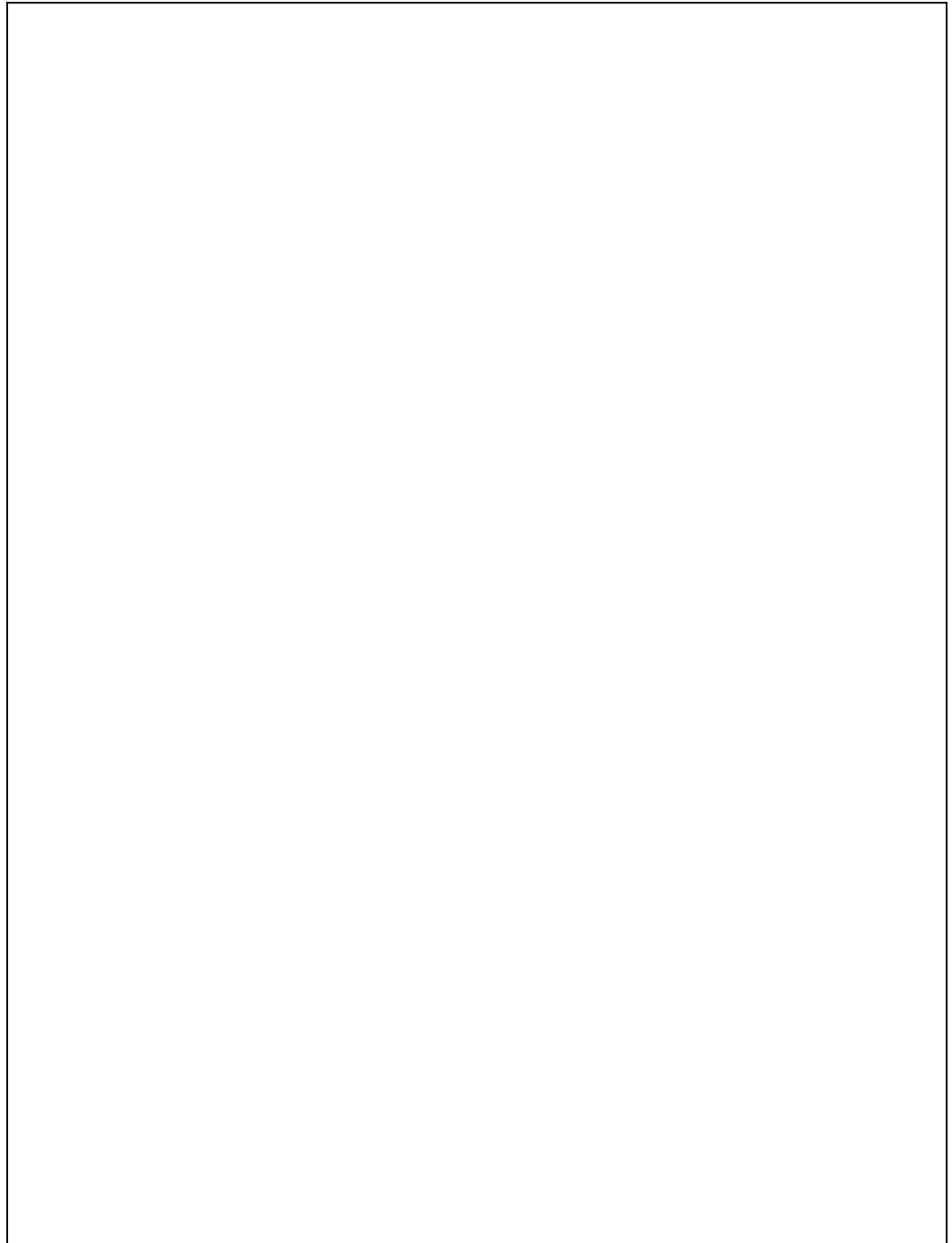
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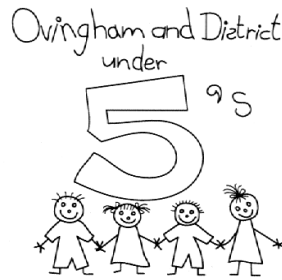
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OVINGHAM AND DISTRICT UNDER 5'S

England & Wales - Charity number 1176119

Accounts



Nursery Manager's Report

Well **Ovingham & District Under 5's** has had a very interesting and often scary year, Covid-19 meant the children and staff were often absent due to the isolation rules.

First of all as always I'd like to start by saying a big ***Thank you*** to the staff, committee, and parents for all the support they have shown me and the nursery over the past year. It's been challenging, but let's hope for better days to arrive and we get nursery back to normal.

We currently have sixteen 3 & 4 year olds (that we will lose to school in July) and twelve 2 & 3 year olds on the register. As we supply the 30hr funding we are for the first time operating at almost full capacity, but have not seen many children on a regular basis for quite some time. Keeping in touch with our parents & children has at times been very challenging, but staff now have greater IT skills, due to remote learning.

Staffing – We have retained our staff team for another year – they being Wendy Taylor, Ashley Joscelyne Sarah Milligan and Catherine Kirkpatrick.

Full details about the staff, their roles, and key children can be found on the notice board in nursery.

Staff Training – The staff have continued to progress with their professional development. It's essential we keep up to date with our welfare requirements. Staff have attended Paediatric First Aid, Safeguarding and the new 2021 EYFS training. Most of these having to be carried out remotely and once able to do so, the practical side of the First Aid course was completed.

The staff also undergo regular supervision sessions and yearly appraisals to ensure that practice remains strong and training needs are highlighted.

Finances – Like every company countrywide, our finances took a hit due to Covid-19. The setting having to close at times to comply with the restrictions. Although Early Years settings continued to receive the nursery funding, this was at a very reduced amount (as we are usually full in the summer term, but only paid for the amount of children on our spring headcount). We also lost income from fee paying families. Plus having to operate in two bubbles meant we had the expense of resources for both of these.

Then we had the very large expense when the floors and toilet area were refurbished, due to rotting joists. Finances are a constant challenge as our income fluctuates with pupil numbers and we are dependent on fundraising to make up the shortfall.

Covid-19 caused more spending, especially on cleaning products, PPE and storage of toys and resources; we could not believe how much this cost.

We rely heavily on the generosity and support of all our families. We are continually looking for support to raise funds for the nursery, which will benefit both the setting and the children who attend. I would like to thank all the staff, committee, families, local businesses, and everyone else who supported our fundraising.

Once again I'd like to thank you all for choosing to use and support **Ovingham & District Under 5's**

E Panton

Ovingham & District Under 5's – Nursery Manager



Section A

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Signed: *Ray Marley*

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