

About the Committee

Our Management Committee are regularly in talks about everything happening at the preschool. This can include things like new legislation, staffing, training, resources, updates to the setting, and fundraising ideas.

All trustees work together to make decisions that are in the best interests of the preschool and the children. It's important that everyone acts professionally and avoids any conflicts of interest. Decisions are made as a group, with a majority vote, and the Chairperson only steps in to vote if there's a tie.

We recognise that becoming a trustee can feel a little daunting, as there are increasing legal and financial responsibilities. However, we support our committee members with training opportunities, including Suffolk CPD, to help build confidence and knowledge. We also have a healthy reserve fund in place to cover major costs, which means the preschool is in a strong and stable position.

Blundeston Pre-School is supported and regulated by the Early Years Alliance, Suffolk County Council, and Ofsted. Before joining meetings, committee members complete the necessary checks, including an enhanced DBS, Ofsted forms, and confidentiality agreements. The cost of the DBS is refunded by the preschool.

Our Staff Team

We are very proud of our team of six dedicated staff, who work incredibly hard to support the children's learning and development every day.

Nicky is our Setting Manager and also our SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator). Charlotte is our Deputy Manager and Safeguarding Lead. All staff are trained in safeguarding, paediatric first aid, and health and hygiene, and regularly take part in additional training to keep their knowledge up to date.

We're also delighted to have achieved a 5-star hygiene rating again - well done to the whole team!

Our Children & Families

We've had a slower start to this academic year. We expect this number to grow as the months go by. We do however expect a slower start with

children as birth rates are lower than the previous last few years. The Pre-school will use advertising to promote spaces we currently have in our local and surrounding areas.

Over the past year, staff have focused on building even stronger relationships with families. We've introduced more regular parent evenings and continue to use Tapestry to share children's progress and special moments.

Our website is also working really well, bringing in lots of new enquiries.

Forward planning - 2025 - 2026 we have to plans to redeveloped our outside area, with a new ground covering of artificial grass a new adventure climbing area, sensory area along with a natural section for wildlife. We hope this will start to take place in the summer of 2026.

Policies

All policies have been updated and are signed by myself on behalf of the management committee, any policies that need to be overseen with members of staff who have officer roles they also will sign agreement with the policy. The policies will meet new legislation and requirement's, some are to protect the preschool, staff and committee.

Jennifer Clark - Chairperson on behalf of Blundeston Pre-School

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**Blundeston Pre-School – Receipts and Payments for the period 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025 -
Registered Charity Number 1193652**

Income:		Outgoing: (Break down of main outgoings)			
SCCAPORS	£198,658.69	Rent	£9000	Wages	£108,736.88
Fees/Uniform & events	£38,882	Mobile / landline	£813.86	HMRC	£14,262.16
				Payroll	£648
		Resources / equipment / including office	£36,670.37	Pensions	£4712.51
		Staff training	£1600.30	Repairs/maintenance/building work/grounds maintenance/insurance	£26,842.75
		Subscriptions / Insurances	£2002.36 £2234.47	Bank fees	£368
		Utilities / rates	£2412.74 £5027.34		
		Food / cleaning	£3181.33		

		equipment	£3074.86		
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Reserves Account Amount = £22,384.23

This amount in the reserves account is to cover any Emergency Costs, Redundancy/Closure liabilities. This account will be reviewed over the forthcoming year, and amended if need be.

Totals:

Total income: £237,540.44

Total Outgoing: £221,611.01

Bank Balance as of last statement September 2025 = £167,023.98

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Blundeston Preschool

On accounts for the year ended

31/08/2025

Charity no
(if any)

1193652

Set out on pages

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(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'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:

- 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:

M Bennett

Date:

5/05/2026

Name:

Michael R Bennett

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

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Section B

Disclosure

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.

N/A
