



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	26	07	2023	To	25	07	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Little Chestnuts Pre-School

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1194353

Charity's principal address

Village Hall

Church Lane

Toppesfield, Halstead

Postcode

CO9 4DR

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)
Andrea Chinery			
Katie Blackburn	Treasurer	From 26/04/2024	
Sarah Bassett	secratary	From 26/04/2024	
Hanna Pirrie			
Elizabeth Greenaway			
Katherine Waterhouse			

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)	CIO - Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Nominated and elected by Committee members

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
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)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further

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

The setting provides a space for children to enjoy many activities from arts and craft to outdoor play.

Termly themes are used aligned to EYFS framework, which brings to life learning and education.

The setting is connected to St Margaret's Primary school.

Fundraising is reinvested in the setting, these events range from family events to nearly new sales.

The Committee has reviewed and considered the guidance issued by the Charity Commission for public benefit.

Contributions by families and friends of Little Chestnuts at the events raising money for replenishing pre-learning toys and new equipment.

The money raised also provides additional activities such as going to the local farm, dance lessons and outside companies such as a pantomime.

Our parental involvement policy helps to ensure everyone is involved in the statements, where relevant, about: children's learning and development.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year’s fundraising was a Treasure Hunt, a Christmas Market and raffles.
All required substantial work by the Committee.

This year’s cohort has remained consistent through the year. We still received Early Years funding from Essex County Council over lockdown which enabled us to keep all our members of staff employed. Our projected numbers for next year continue to remain healthy.

We continue to rely on the local community and family to support us in our goals and fundraising and in particular relying on the village hall to allow us to have our setting in their site. We aspire to supporting the needs of families within our village as well as the surrounding areas.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We continue to hold our reserve account which would support redundancy payments should the pre-school close. The reserve account is also a back-up in case numbers of children attending the setting were to reduce and how this could affect us long-term, or if we were to require relocation from the current rented premises.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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.

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Section F Other optional information

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)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Katie Balckbourn	Sarah Bassett
Treasurer	Secretary

Date 24/08/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Little Chestnuts Pre-school

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
26/07/2023

To

Period end date
25/07/2024

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 £
A1 Receipts					
funded hours	51,445	-	-	51,445	71,399
grants	300	-	-	300	-
holiday club	252	-	-	252	-
interest income	186	-	-	186	-
non funded hours	12,804	-	-	12,804	11,882
other revenue	160	-	-	160	-
uniform sales	17	-	-	17	63
fundraising	644	-	-	644	485
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	65,808	-	-	65,808	83,829
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	65,808	-	-	65,808	83,829
A3 Payments					
materials and equipment	775	-	-	775	1,537
food	576	-	-	576	463
professional fees	270	-	-	270	854
rent and insurance	8,108	-	-	8,108	8,235
IT software and consumables	881	-	-	881	1,192
web and email hosting	407	-	-	407	-
wages and staff training	51,004	-	-	51,004	54,369
outings and events	628	-	-	628	384
gifts	116	-	-	116	-
subscriptions	220	-	-	220	-
uniform	-	-	-	-	285
Sub total	62,985	-	-	62,985	67,319
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	62,985	-	-	62,985	67,319
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,823	-	-	2,823	16,510
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	2,823	-	-	2,823	16,510

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 £
B1 Cash funds	santander business bank account	68,009	-	-
	santander deposit bank account	17,930	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	85,939	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

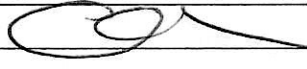
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Andrea Chinery	06/08/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Little Chestnuts Pre-School

On accounts for the year
ended

25/07/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1194353

Set out on pages

(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 **25/07/2024**

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 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.

Signed:

Date:

07/08/2025

Name:

Wendy Bowman

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

AAT

Address:

18 Peek Close Lavenham Sudbury Suffolk CO10 9FR

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.