



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
19	04	2024	31	08	2025

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Muddy Boots Pre-School CIO

Other names charity is known by

Muddy Boots Pre-School

Registered charity number (if any)

1207935

Charity's principal address

Jubilee Drive

Walgrave

Northamptonshire

Postcode

NN6 9PH

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	Sarah Gresly	Secretary		
2	Emma Greasley	Treasurer		
3	Jennie Evans		Left July 2025	
4	Claire Perry	Chair		
5	Elaine Allen		Joined September 2024	
6	Andrea Merrey		Joined September 2024	
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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)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Nominated and elected at committee meetings

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

Provision of a variety of pre-school sessions, which are open to all preschool children over the age of 2 years.

Muddy Boots sessions are planned with the Statutory Framework for Early Years Foundation Stage to achieve the six areas covered by the early learning goals and educational programmes.

The charity works for the public benefit having as its objects the development and education of children and young people in particular by:

- (1) promoting their care and safety;
- (2) promoting their education and promoting parental involvement;
- (3) promoting their health and wellbeing;
- (4) providing services to support them and their families and carers;
- (5) providing services to individuals holding membership of the CIO; and
- (6) furthering the aims of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.

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 statements, where relevant, about:

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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The 2024–2025 year marked the first full operational period for Muddy Boots Pre-school CIO and was characterised by stability in practice, strong educational outcomes for children, and the successful completion of the charity's transition to incorporated status.

Following a rigorous Ofsted Registration Visit, the CIO became fully operational on **16 September 2024**, enabling all trading and educational activities to transfer from the former unincorporated charity. Work to dissolve the previous charity continued throughout the year and was completed in May 2025. As noted in the Chair's Report, this was "a huge undertaking for us as a Committee" and required extensive behind-the-scenes administrative work guided by a "methodical and meticulous plan of action."

Educational delivery and children's progress

The pre-school began the academic year with a strong and settled cohort. Over **20 existing children returned** in September 2024, creating a smooth start to the year and supporting new starters to settle quickly. Many children attended at least two full days per week, and a small but regular number accessed Breakfast Club, both of which contributed positively to the pre-school's financial position. The Chair's Report highlights that this familiarity "helped get the year's learning off to a great start."

Children benefited from a rich programme of learning experiences, including:

- Christmas Cake and Play event
- Christmas party
- Posting letters to Father Christmas
- Visit from local police officers and vehicles
- Easter Cake and Play event
- Trip to West Lodge Farm
- Leavers' Picnic

These events provided meaningful opportunities for family involvement and enriched the children's learning.

Transitions to school

At the end of the academic year, **23 children** transitioned to primary school:

- 17 to Walgrave Primary School
- 4 to Mawsley
- 1 to Pitsford
- 1 to Little Harrowden

Staff worked closely with families and receiving schools to ensure children were well prepared. The Chair's Report notes that staff "had done a fantastic job of preparing the children for school," enabling them to make strong progress during their time at Muddy Boots.

Staffing and team development

Staffing developments were a significant feature of the year. The team navigated several changes, including the retirement of a long-standing staff member who later returned as bank staff, and the recruitment of new assistants who brought valuable experience and enthusiasm. The Chair's Report notes that new staff "settled very quickly into the team; bringing enthusiasm and fresh ideas."

Staff continued to develop their skills through training in safeguarding, inclusion, and special educational needs (SEN).

Fundraising and community support

The fundraising team delivered a wide range of successful events that were well attended and generated valuable income to support the pre-school's work. The trustees recognise the significant contribution of volunteers and committee members, whose efforts underpin the sustainability of the setting.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The committee have reviewed the reserves policy this year, and have agreed that this should cover redundancy liability and three months running costs.

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.

This was the first full financial year of the CIO. The previous unincorporated charity formally transferred its assets and liabilities to the CIO, and the dissolution of the former charity was completed in May 2025.

A total of £72,844.31 was donated from the former unincorporated charity to the CIO. This transfer represented the accumulated reserves required to continue the pre-school's operations.

Principal funding is obtained through grant funding and fees.

In addition there is a programme of fundraising events throughout the year.

The largest expenditure is salaries.

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)

Emma Greasley

E. Allen

Full name(s)

EMMA GREASLEY

ELAINE ALLEN

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

TREASURER

MANAGER

Date

01/03/2026



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Muddy Boots Pre-School CIO

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2025

Charity no
(if any) 1207935

Set out on pages

1 to 2

(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: 27th March 2026

Name:

N. ADAMS

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

Chartered Accountant - Retired

Address:

Newlands Lodge

Newlands Road

Walgrave NN6 9PZ

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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Profit & Loss

	19.04.2024 - 31.08.2025
Turnover	
Funded 2 year old	1,956.73
Funded 2 year old (working)	14,608.99
Funded 3-4 year old	50,748.26
Funded Extended 30 hour Funding	8,392.00
Funded Under 2 (working)	955.80
Funded EYPP	1,966.49
Funded EYSG Supplement	365.16
Unfunded - Fees	17,229.17
Registration Fees	200.00
Breakfast Club	1,650.00
Adhoc	308.78
Donations	73,081.25
Fundraising	6,291.62
Snack Fees	4,690.50
Days out fees	88.00
Photos	132.00
Uniform	105.70
Bank Interest	139.24
Grants	560.00
Party fees	695.50
	£184,165.19
Administrative Expenses	
Net Wages	(58,788.65)
HMRC Payments	(5,019.19)
Total Pensions	(5,377.23)
Rent	(4,050.00)
Electricity	(583.77)
General Insurance	(671.97)
Telephone, Fax & Internet	(495.02)
Website & Software Costs	(144.91)
Staff Training	(822.40)
Other Staff-Related Expenses	(250.00)
Stationery & Postage	(58.00)
Food	(1,356.45)
Household & Sundry	(873.58)
Toys & Equipment	(2,407.87)
Computer Expenses	(156.00)
Days out costs	(432.00)
Event Costs	(886.80)
Subscriptions	(676.88)
Uniform Expenses	(284.69)
DBS Checks	(238.23)
Repairs & Renewals	(816.99)
	(£84,390.63)
Net Profit (Loss):	£99,774.56

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Balance Sheet	
	19.04.2024 - 31.08.2025
Cash at Bank & in Hand	
Cash in Hand	74.27
Community Account	59374.05
Savings Account	40326.24
	£99,774.56
Profit & Loss Account b/fwd	0.00
Current Year Profit (Loss)	99,774.56
	£99,774.56

Balance

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