

WOODHAM MORTIMER PRESCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1208900

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2024-06-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 3. OBJECTS3.1 THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE: TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN PRIMARILY UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS. 3.2 NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 AND SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008.3.3 THE CIO WORKS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT HAVING AS PART OF ITS OBJECTS THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR BY:(A) PROMOTING THEIR CARE AND SAFETY;(B) PROMOTING THEIR EDUCATION AND PROMOTING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT;(C) PROMOTING THEIR HEALTH AND WELLBEING;(D) PROVIDING SERVICES TO SUPPORT THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS;(E) PROVIDING SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP OF THE CIO; AND(F) FURTHERING THE AIMS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£84,758	£77,637	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amy Horton	Chair	2022-09-11
Jemma Bennett		
Joanne Lampard		2026-03-11
Laura Edwards		

Accounts

Woodham Mortimer AGM Report 2025

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Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

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like Amy, will be stepping down at the end of next August as Jemima will be leaving for Primary School.

As mentioned earlier by Amy, this has been a significant year for the preschool, marking our transition to a new legal structure as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Closing accounts were prepared for the previous unincorporated charity (Charity No. 1060526) covering the period 1 September 2024 to 11 February 2025, and the first accounts for the new CIO (Charity No. 1208900) cover 12 February 2025 to 31 August 2025. This report accompanies both sets of accounts for Woodham Mortimer Preschool and Woodham Mortimer Preschool CIO.

Overview of the Year

This year was always going to be a turning point for the preschool following the financial challenges of the previous year. I am delighted to report that, despite the pressures of the CIO transition and general cost increases, the preschool has achieved a strong and positive financial outcome. Thanks to the hard work and commitment of our staff and committee, we not only maintained stable enrolment numbers but also ended the year with a healthy combined surplus.

Financial Summary

Old Charity (1 September 2024 – 11 February 2025)

- Total Income: £65,487.39
- Total Expenditure: £63,881.43
- Net Surplus: £1,605.96
- Transfer Balance as at 12 February 2025: £37,075.35

CIO (12 February 2025 – 31 August 2025)

- Total Income: £84,758.00
- Total Expenditure: £77,637.10
- Net Surplus: £7,120.90
- Cash at Bank (31 August 2025): £44,196.25
- Petty Cash: £44.19

Total profit for the year: £8,726.86 — an excellent result for the preschool and a strong start for the year ahead.

Reserves and Financial Position

At the close of the old charity, funds were managed carefully to support the transfer to the new CIO structure.

The Trustees ensured that sufficient reserves were retained to cover final liabilities and to secure the continued operation of the preschool under the new charity. The preschool now holds a healthy financial position with adequate reserves to support stability and future growth.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Trustees continue to review key financial and operational risks, especially in light of rising costs and increasing staff-related expenditure.

It remains essential that staff rotas are managed efficiently to ensure that staffing levels reflect the number of children attending each session. This will help prevent the preschool from running at a loss while maintaining our high standards of care and education.

We must also stay mindful of government funding arrangements, which are becoming increasingly restrictive in terms of charging for extras such as consumable fees. This will require close monitoring to manage any impact on our income.

In addition, we will continue to watch developments in the National Minimum Wage for 2026, as this may influence staffing costs and overall budgeting.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The preschool continues to provide an inclusive, affordable, and high-quality early years education service to local families. Our commitment to community, development, and play-based learning remains at the heart of all we do.

Funding for Additional Needs

A special note of thanks goes to Liane, who has been proactive and highly effective in applying for additional funding for children who require extra support.

These funds have been used responsibly to provide appropriate resources and to cover staffing costs for 1-to-1 support, ensuring that all children can thrive and participate fully in preschool life. Liane's attention to detail and commitment in this area is invaluable, and we will continue to apply for additional funding wherever possible.

Looking Ahead

While the financial results this year are very positive, we must remain mindful of the rising costs across utilities, staffing, and resources. To maintain our strong position, we will:

- Continue to monitor and manage staff rotas to align with child numbers.
- Increase our efforts in advertising and community engagement to boost enrolment and move towards full capacity.
- Review funding agreements and fee structures regularly to ensure sustainability.
- Continue seeking external grants and funding opportunities to enhance resources and learning experiences.

Independent Review

The financial statements for the periods ended 11 February 2025 and 31 August 2025 were independently reviewed by Dan Gardner of Barnes Clark Accountants. The review confirmed that no material matters have come to light to suggest that the financial records are not kept in line with accountant standards for not-for-profit organisations.

Recommendations

The Trustees recommend:

1. Continuing to build reserves to support future improvements and provide updated learning resources.
2. Exploring new grant and funding opportunities.
3. Reviewing fee structures in 2026 to balance affordability with financial sustainability.
4. Maintaining careful financial oversight, particularly around staffing levels, occupancy, and rising operational costs.

Motion: That the Financial Report and accompanying payments and receipts accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 be accepted as presented.

Proposed by: Jemma Bennett

Seconded by: Amy Horton.

Managers Report October 2025

I have been in this position from June 2025. Woodham Mortimer Preschool is a well-established setting that has a very low turnover of staff. I have been extremely welcomed by all staff and already feel part of the family.

During the first half term I spent time observing and assessing improvements I could bring to the setting.

So far improvements have been made to the outdoor garden. Outdoor learning is a big part of our curriculum so the digging area, mud garden and cosy shed have all been improved. Bamboo screening has also been fitted to prevent children accessing thorns and berries which grow naturally along the side of the garden.

We are having 6ft fence panelling fitted to the back entrance to the car park. The reason for this is to improve privacy and security. With the business behind us now in operation we have found a lot of traffic back and forth can appear unsafe on a daily basis, also vehicles are throwing up stones and dust, the new fencing will prevent this, especially good as during exceptionally wet periods the children play on the car park surface. The fencing will also add security to the perimeter, hence improving safeguarding for the children.

We have had a security camera fitted to the main entrance front door, again to improve security. Also in our garden as well as the large sail fitted we have been able to purchase 2 large pop up gazebos, this means our overall shading ability is approximately 75 percent, making our garden safe all year round.

Training

All staff are level 3 first aid trained.

All staff have received in house level 2 safeguarding training from me. I also delivered a brief introduction to managing behaviour. I have reached out to all staff in our recent staff meeting to offer more in depth training in my experienced areas. These are:

- More in depth behaviour training
- Speech, language & communication
- TPP and early years mental health awareness and understanding
- One planning and supporting SEND children

If I have enough interest I am happy to deliver training on the above topics.
We have one member of staff currently undertaking a Senco qualification.
Coming up soon is training on observation, assessment and planning.

Staff

All staff are due their supervisions in December, however I have done staff wellbeing check- ins as I feel the gap between supervisions can feel too long.

All staff report to be happy at the moment.

Events

We had a successful summer fete and looking to improve next year to make it a little grander.

Reverend Julie is still involved in our community, she has recently been in for harvest time and we will be celebrating Christmas together.

Overview

Our new children have settled in very well. I am looking forward to the year ahead.

I plan to make more changes over time inside the setting, this will include sourcing funding to create a sensory area.

Enhancing the main hallway to be a more purposeful play area.

I am working to improve the setting to be more communication friendly for children.

Also working towards raising behaviour expectations with the use of visuals and use of language from staff.

Little changes have already been made, nothing exhaustive, staff are adapting well to the changes. C

Changes to the EYFS 2025 and the way Ofsted inspects settings

I have recently undertaken online training with the Early Years Alliance to learn all about the way we will be inspected from now on. I have shared the relevant documents with all staff and we as a team will be working together to achieve best outcomes for our setting.

New Vision Statement

I believe places of early education should have a vision statement to promote what we want our children to achieve by the end of their journey in early years.

I shall now nominate the volunteers for the compulsory trustee roles and then ask for one of you to second them into the position. The motion will then be carried and the person duly elected for the next year.

Trustee	Amy Horton	Nominated by	Jemma Bennett	Seconded by	Laura Edwards
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The following named individuals will become Trustees once all DBS checks and EY2 forms have been completed and come back. Until then they will remain without Trustee responsibilities and voting rights.

Trustee	Lisa Ford	Nominated by	Amy Horton	Second by	Jemma Bennett
Trustee	Joanne Lampard	Nominated by	Amy Horton	Second by	Jemma Bennett

Date of next AGM: TBC

Date of next committee meeting: TBC

Meeting closed at: 7.30pm

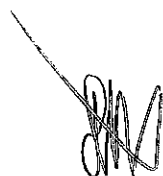
Please note that no other business may be introduced. Items for the committee's consideration at its next meeting may be referred to the Secretary.

WOODHAM MORTIMER PRESCHOOL**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1208900****RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM 24 JUNE 2024 to 31 AUGUST 2025**

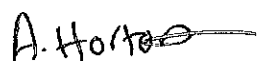
	Notes	Period to 31 August 2025
		£
Income		
Funding		£75,331.40
Fees		£6,872.20
Products		£149.00
Fundraising & Donations		£2,268.32
Deposit		£120.02
Interest		£17.06
Total Income		£84,758.00
Less Operating Expenses		
100 Club Winners		-£300.00
Accounting, Bookkeeping & Payroll		-£1,055.21
Art & Craft Consumables		-£86.58
Bank charges		-£20.63
Furniture & Equipment		-£2,814.10
Fundraising & Expenses		-£108.38
Health, Hygiene & Cleaning		-£427.72
Insurance, ICO & Ofsted		-£915.79
Legal Fees		-£1,080.00
Misc		-£40.00
Phone & Broadband		-£338.51
Postage, Printing & Stationary		-£316.52
Recruitment		-£358.28
Rent & Rates		-£12,755.22
Repairs & Maintenance		-£569.78
Snacks & Food		-£470.97
Staff & Child Welfare		£0.00
Subscriptions		-£304.43
Toys, Books & Resources		-£1,189.83
Training & DBS		-£309.37
Utilities		£0.00
Uniform		-£116.71
Wages & Pensions		-£54,059.07
Website & Advertising		£0.00
Total Operating Expenses		-£77,637.10
Surplus/Deficit		£7,120.90
Cash balances b/f	3	37,075.35
Balances c/f		£44,196.25

WOODHAM MORTIMER PRESCHOOL
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	31 August 2025 £
RESERVES		
Balance b/f	3	£37,075.35
Excess income over expenditure		£7,120.90
		<u>£44,196.25</u>
CASH FUNDS		
Current Account		£44,152.06
Petty Cash		£44.19
		<u>£44,196.25</u>
LIABILITIES		
Independent Review	4	£780.00
PAYE/NI		-£114.20
Pensions		£114.21
		<u>£780.01</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY		
Restricted funds		£0.00
Unrestricted funds		£44,196.25
		<u>£44,196.25</u>



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WOODHAM MORTIMER PRESCHOOL
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

Income

All income is included at the time of receipt

Expenses

All expenditure is accounted for at the time of payment

2 EQUIPMENT

All equipment purchased by the charity is included under these headings as an expense. No items have been capitalised

3 BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD

Balance brought forward from transfer of old charity (no.1060526) to CIO (no. 1208900)

4 INDEPENDENT REVIEW

£780.00 due for Independent Examination costs for the 2024-2025 financial year.

Woodham Mortimer Pre-School Income and Expenditure Account
Period 1 September 2024 to closure 1 February 2025

WOODHAM MORTIMER PRESCHOOL CLOSING ACCOUNTS

CHARITY NUMBER: 1060526

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1 SEPTEMBER 2024 TO 11 FEBRUARY 2025

(CLOSING DATE PRIOR TO TRANSFER TO CIO CHARITY NUMBER 1208900)

Income	2024/25
ECC Funding	£56,435.54
SYP Grant	
SEN Supplement	£980.70
Fees	£4,914.76
Fees - Deposits	£508.54
Snack	
Fundraising	£2,314.34
Uniform	£315.00
Interest	£18.51
Misc	
Donation	

£65,487.39

Expenditure

Wages, PAYE, NI, EYP & NIC	-£47,576.92
Equipment	-£743.42
Sundry Supplies	-£377.62
Snack	-£301.62
Rent & Heating	-£10,957.60
Training	-£8.00
Stationary/Admin	-£363.69
Insurance	
Refurbishment Costs	-£180.46
Uniform	
Miscellaneous	-£183.62
Legal fees	-£420.00
Accountants fees	-£600.00
Recruitment fees	-£22.72
Subscription fees	-£1,101.24
Utility Bills	-£969.52
Cleaning	-£75.00

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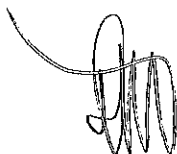
Total Income less Expenditure £1,605.96

Balance as at 1st September	£35,469.39
Excess of Income over Expenditure (same as E42)	<u>£1,605.96</u>
Balance as of 1 February (Bank Balance)	<u>£37,075.35</u>

Bank 1 February (Bank Balance)	£30,001.91
Savings Account Co-Op (Bank Balance)	£2,867.99
Savings Account Scottish Widows (Bank Balance)	£4,160.03
Petty Cash	£45.42
Trade debtors	<u>£37,075.35</u>

Unrepresented Cheques	£0.00
Accruals (Club 100)	<u>£0.00</u>
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Transfer Balance as at 11 February 2025 £37,075.35



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Trustees Confirmations

The Committee confirm the following:-

1. The appointment of Barnes Clark Accountants Limited as examiners to carry out the Independent Review for the period ended 31 August 2025.
2. The Charity's turnover and asset values are below the threshold at which an Audit is required and that there are no other reasons that makes an Audit necessary.
3. The Charity prepares its Accounts on a receipt and payment basis and it is not required to prepare Accounts on an accruals basis for any other reason.
4. The Internal Financial controls are reviewed by the Trustees regularly to minimise the risk of fraud and errors.
5. The Charity neither received, nor holds, any Restricted or Endowed Funds.
6. The Charity has sufficient funds available to meet its liabilities for a period of at least 12 months from today and there are no liabilities which risk the Charity's going-concern basis.
7. The Petty cash balance held at 31 August 2025 was £44.19.

Signed: A. Horton

Date: 6.11.2025

Amy Horton (Chairperson)

Signed: Jemma Bennett

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Introduction

Hello all, for those who do not know me, my name is Jemma and I am mum to Jemima who currently attends the preschool and the Treasurer/ Trustee. I have been doing this role for the last 2 years and

like Amy, will be stepping down at the end of next August as Jemima will be leaving for Primary School.

As mentioned earlier by Amy, this has been a significant year for the preschool, marking our transition to a new legal structure as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Closing accounts were prepared for the previous unincorporated charity (Charity No. 1060526) covering the period 1 September 2024 to 11 February 2025, and the first accounts for the new CIO (Charity No. 1208900) cover 12 February 2025 to 31 August 2025. This report accompanies both sets of accounts for Woodham Mortimer Preschool and Woodham Mortimer Preschool CIO.

Overview of the Year

This year was always going to be a turning point for the preschool following the financial challenges of the previous year. I am delighted to report that, despite the pressures of the CIO transition and general cost increases, the preschool has achieved a strong and positive financial outcome. Thanks to the hard work and commitment of our staff and committee, we not only maintained stable enrolment numbers but also ended the year with a healthy combined surplus.

Financial Summary

Old Charity (1 September 2024 – 11 February 2025)

- Total Income: £65,487.39
- Total Expenditure: £63,881.43
- Net Surplus: £1,605.96
- Transfer Balance as at 12 February 2025: £37,075.35

CIO (12 February 2025 – 31 August 2025)

- Total Income: £84,758.00
- Total Expenditure: £77,637.10
- Net Surplus: £7,120.90
- Cash at Bank (31 August 2025): £44,196.25
- Petty Cash: £44.19

Total profit for the year: £8,726.86 — an excellent result for the preschool and a strong start for the year ahead.

Reserves and Financial Position

At the close of the old charity, funds were managed carefully to support the transfer to the new CIO structure.

The Trustees ensured that sufficient reserves were retained to cover final liabilities and to secure the continued operation of the preschool under the new charity. The preschool now holds a healthy financial position with adequate reserves to support stability and future growth.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Trustees continue to review key financial and operational risks, especially in light of rising costs and increasing staff-related expenditure.

It remains essential that staff rotas are managed efficiently to ensure that staffing levels reflect the number of children attending each session. This will help prevent the preschool from running at a loss while maintaining our high standards of care and education.

We must also stay mindful of government funding arrangements, which are becoming increasingly restrictive in terms of charging for extras such as consumable fees. This will require close monitoring to manage any impact on our income.

In addition, we will continue to watch developments in the National Minimum Wage for 2026, as this may influence staffing costs and overall budgeting.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The preschool continues to provide an inclusive, affordable, and high-quality early years education service to local families. Our commitment to community, development, and play-based learning remains at the heart of all we do.

Funding for Additional Needs

A special note of thanks goes to Liane, who has been proactive and highly effective in applying for additional funding for children who require extra support.

These funds have been used responsibly to provide appropriate resources and to cover staffing costs for 1-to-1 support, ensuring that all children can thrive and participate fully in preschool life. Liane's attention to detail and commitment in this area is invaluable, and we will continue to apply for additional funding wherever possible.

Looking Ahead

While the financial results this year are very positive, we must remain mindful of the rising costs across utilities, staffing, and resources. To maintain our strong position, we will:

- Continue to monitor and manage staff rotas to align with child numbers.
- Increase our efforts in advertising and community engagement to boost enrolment and move towards full capacity.
- Review funding agreements and fee structures regularly to ensure sustainability.
- Continue seeking external grants and funding opportunities to enhance resources and learning experiences.

Independent Review

The financial statements for the periods ended 11 February 2025 and 31 August 2025 were independently reviewed by Dan Gardner of Barnes Clark Accountants. The review confirmed that no material matters have come to light to suggest that the financial records are not kept in line with accountant standards for not-for-profit organisations.

Recommendations

The Trustees recommend:

1. Continuing to build reserves to support future improvements and provide updated learning resources.
2. Exploring new grant and funding opportunities.
3. Reviewing fee structures in 2026 to balance affordability with financial sustainability.
4. Maintaining careful financial oversight, particularly around staffing levels, occupancy, and rising operational costs.

Motion: That the Financial Report and accompanying payments and receipts accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 be accepted as presented.

Proposed by: Jemma Bennett

Seconded by: Amy Horton.

Managers Report October 2025

I have been in this position from June 2025. Woodham Mortimer Preschool is a well-established setting that has a very low turnover of staff. I have been extremely welcomed by all staff and already feel part of the family.

During the first half term I spent time observing and assessing improvements I could bring to the setting.

So far improvements have been made to the outdoor garden. Outdoor learning is a big part of our curriculum so the digging area, mud garden and cosy shed have all been improved. Bamboo screening has also been fitted to prevent children accessing thorns and berries which grow naturally along the side of the garden.

We are having 6ft fence panelling fitted to the back entrance to the car park. The reason for this is to improve privacy and security. With the business behind us now in operation we have found a lot of traffic back and forth can appear unsafe on a daily basis, also vehicles are throwing up stones and dust, the new fencing will prevent this, especially good as during exceptionally wet periods the children play on the car park surface. The fencing will also add security to the perimeter, hence improving safeguarding for the children.

We have had a security camera fitted to the main entrance front door, again to improve security. Also in our garden as well as the large sail fitted we have been able to purchase 2 large pop up gazebos, this means our overall shading ability is approximately 75 percent, making our garden safe all year round.

Training

All staff are level 3 first aid trained.

All staff have received in house level 2 safeguarding training from me. I also delivered a brief introduction to managing behaviour. I have reached out to all staff in our recent staff meeting to offer more in depth training in my experienced areas. These are:

- More in depth behaviour training
- Speech, language & communication
- TPP and early years mental health awareness and understanding
- One planning and supporting SEND children

If I have enough interest I am happy to deliver training on the above topics.
We have one member of staff currently undertaking a Senco qualification.
Coming up soon is training on observation, assessment and planning.

Staff

All staff are due their supervisions in December, however I have done staff wellbeing check- ins as I feel the gap between supervisions can feel too long.

All staff report to be happy at the moment.

Events

We had a successful summer fete and looking to improve next year to make it a little grander.

Reverend Julie is still involved in our community, she has recently been in for harvest time and we will be celebrating Christmas together.

Overview

Our new children have settled in very well. I am looking forward to the year ahead.

I plan to make more changes over time inside the setting, this will include sourcing funding to create a sensory area.

Enhancing the main hallway to be a more purposeful play area.

I am working to improve the setting to be more communication friendly for children.

Also working towards raising behaviour expectations with the use of visuals and use of language from staff.

Little changes have already been made, nothing exhaustive, staff are adapting well to the changes. C

Changes to the EYFS 2025 and the way Ofsted inspects settings

I have recently undertaken online training with the Early Years Alliance to learn all about the way we will be inspected from now on. I have shared the relevant documents with all staff and we as a team will be working together to achieve best outcomes for our setting.

New Vision Statement

I believe places of early education should have a vision statement to promote what we want our children to achieve by the end of their journey in early years.

I shall now nominate the volunteers for the compulsory trustee roles and then ask for one of you to second them into the position. The motion will then be carried and the person duly elected for the next year.

Trustee	Amy Horton	Nominated by	Jemma Bennett	Seconded by	Laura Edwards
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Trustee	Laura Edwards	Nominated by	Amy Horton	Seconded by	Jemma Bennett

The following named individuals will become Trustees once all DBS checks and EY2 forms have been completed and come back. Until then they will remain without Trustee responsibilities and voting rights.

Trustee	Lisa Ford	Nominated by	Amy Horton	Second by	Jemma Bennett
Trustee	Joanne Lampard	Nominated by	Amy Horton	Second by	Jemma Bennett

Date of next AGM: TBC

Date of next committee meeting: TBC

Meeting closed at: 7.30pm

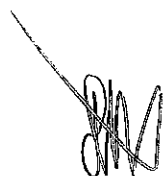
Please note that no other business may be introduced. Items for the committee's consideration at its next meeting may be referred to the Secretary.

WOODHAM MORTIMER PRESCHOOL**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1208900****RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM 24 JUNE 2024 to 31 AUGUST 2025**

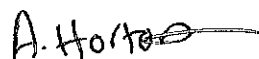
	Notes	Period to 31 August 2025
		£
Income		
Funding		£75,331.40
Fees		£6,872.20
Products		£149.00
Fundraising & Donations		£2,268.32
Deposit		£120.02
Interest		£17.06
Total Income		£84,758.00
Less Operating Expenses		
100 Club Winners		-£300.00
Accounting, Bookkeeping & Payroll		-£1,055.21
Art & Craft Consumables		-£86.58
Bank charges		-£20.63
Furniture & Equipment		-£2,814.10
Fundraising & Expenses		-£108.38
Health, Hygiene & Cleaning		-£427.72
Insurance, ICO & Ofsted		-£915.79
Legal Fees		-£1,080.00
Misc		-£40.00
Phone & Broadband		-£338.51
Postage, Printing & Stationary		-£316.52
Recruitment		-£358.28
Rent & Rates		-£12,755.22
Repairs & Maintenance		-£569.78
Snacks & Food		-£470.97
Staff & Child Welfare		£0.00
Subscriptions		-£304.43
Toys, Books & Resources		-£1,189.83
Training & DBS		-£309.37
Utilities		£0.00
Uniform		-£116.71
Wages & Pensions		-£54,059.07
Website & Advertising		£0.00
Total Operating Expenses		-£77,637.10
Surplus/Deficit		£7,120.90
Cash balances b/f	3	37,075.35
Balances c/f		£44,196.25

WOODHAM MORTIMER PRESCHOOL
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	31 August 2025 £
RESERVES		
Balance b/f	3	£37,075.35
Excess income over expenditure		£7,120.90
		<u>£44,196.25</u>
CASH FUNDS		
Current Account		£44,152.06
Petty Cash		£44.19
		<u>£44,196.25</u>
LIABILITIES		
Independent Review	4	£780.00
PAYE/NI		-£114.20
Pensions		£114.21
		<u>£780.01</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY		
Restricted funds		£0.00
Unrestricted funds		£44,196.25
		<u>£44,196.25</u>



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WOODHAM MORTIMER PRESCHOOL
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

Income

All income is included at the time of receipt

Expenses

All expenditure is accounted for at the time of payment

2 EQUIPMENT

All equipment purchased by the charity is included under these headings as an expense. No items have been capitalised

3 BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD

Balance brought forward from transfer of old charity (no.1060526) to CIO (no. 1208900)

4 INDEPENDENT REVIEW

£780.00 due for Independent Examination costs for the 2024-2025 financial year.

Woodham Mortimer Pre-School Income and Expenditure Account
Period 1 September 2024 to closure 1 February 2025

WOODHAM MORTIMER PRESCHOOL CLOSING ACCOUNTS

CHARITY NUMBER: 1060526

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1 SEPTEMBER 2024 TO 11 FEBRUARY 2025

(CLOSING DATE PRIOR TO TRANSFER TO CIO CHARITY NUMBER 1208900)

Income	2024/25
ECC Funding	£56,435.54
SYP Grant	
SEN Supplement	£980.70
Fees	£4,914.76
Fees - Deposits	£508.54
Snack	
Fundraising	£2,314.34
Uniform	£315.00
Interest	£18.51
Misc	
Donation	

£65,487.39

Expenditure

Wages, PAYE, NI, EYP & NIC	-£47,576.92
Equipment	-£743.42
Sundry Supplies	-£377.62
Snack	-£301.62
Rent & Heating	-£10,957.60
Training	-£8.00
Stationary/Admin	-£363.69
Insurance	
Refurbishment Costs	-£180.46
Uniform	
Miscellaneous	-£183.62
Legal fees	-£420.00
Accountants fees	-£600.00
Recruitment fees	-£22.72
Subscription fees	-£1,101.24
Utility Bills	-£969.52
Cleaning	-£75.00

-£63,881.43

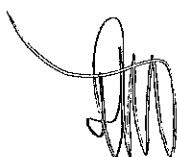
Total Income less Expenditure **£1,605.96**

Balance as at 1st September £35,469.39
Excess of Income over Expenditure (same as E42) £1,605.96
Balance as of 1 February (Bank Balance) **£37,075.35**

Bank 1 February (Bank Balance) £30,001.91
Savings Account Co-Op (Bank Balance) £2,867.99
Savings Account Scottish Widows (Bank Balance) £4,160.03
Petty Cash £45.42
Trade debtors **£37,075.35**

Unrepresented Cheques £0.00
Accruals (Club 100) £0.00
£0.00

Transfer Balance as at 11 February 2025 **£37,075.35**



6.11.2025

A. Hoare
6.11.2025

Woodham Mortimer PreSchool
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Essex
CM9 6GP

Trustees Confirmations

The Committee confirm the following:-

1. The appointment of Barnes Clark Accountants Limited as examiners to carry out the Independent Review for the period ended 31 August 2025.
2. The Charity's turnover and asset values are below the threshold at which an Audit is required and that there are no other reasons that makes an Audit necessary.
3. The Charity prepares its Accounts on a receipt and payment basis and it is not required to prepare Accounts on an accruals basis for any other reason.
4. The Internal Financial controls are reviewed by the Trustees regularly to minimise the risk of fraud and errors.
5. The Charity neither received, nor holds, any Restricted or Endowed Funds.
6. The Charity has sufficient funds available to meet its liabilities for a period of at least 12 months from today and there are no liabilities which risk the Charity's going-concern basis.
7. The Petty cash balance held at 31 August 2025 was £44.19.

Signed: A. Horton

Date: 6.11.2025

Amy Horton (Chairperson)

Signed: Jemma Bennett

Date: 6.11.2025

Jemma Bennett (Treasurer)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Woodham Mortimer Preschool Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("the CIO")

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the period from 24 June 2024 to 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Daniel Gardner FCCA

Barnes Clark Accountants Ltd, Victoria House, 88 The Causeway, Maldon CM9 4LL

Date: 6 November 2025