

	Trustees' Annual Report for the period								
	From	Period start date			T o	Period end date			
		01	09	2023		31	08		2024

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	St Nicolas Pre-School and Playgroup		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number (if any)	284755		
Charity's principal address	Boxhill Walk		
	Abingdon		
	Postcode	OX14 1HB	

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	Hannah Langley	Chair		
2	Paul Bramwell	Treasurer		
3	Kate Booth	Secretary		
4	Jennifer Reading	Fundraising		
5	Gemma Booth	Waiting List		
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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

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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 adopted 1 st April 1982, Amended 19 th October 2000
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are elected at the AGM in October each year. The names for new Trustees are proposed, seconded and elected for the next year.

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

The aims of the Pre-school 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 and by:

- (a) offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, family learning and extended hours groups, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of such groups,

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)

<p>ensuring that such groups offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability;</p> <p>(b) encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local areas;</p> <p>(c) instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.</p>
<p>We are very much part of the community. We maintain close links with St Nicolas Primary School, and outside agencies such as speech and language therapists and SENCo's so that we are all involved in our children's future.</p> <p>Our Trustees have due regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission when making decisions about future changes.</p>

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The addition of Jay Anderson as SENCo has been implemented successfully, providing more specific co-ordinated support for children with SEN, allowing the needs of children to be identified and addressed sooner.

St Nicolas preschool remains a respected setting for children. There were a good number of attendees this year.

Finances are a concern as a result of increases in the cost of living due to high levels of inflation experienced throughout the wider economy during the current and previous years. In light of this, we applied pay rises for all staff during the year to assist with the significant increases in the cost of living, along with implementing the rise in the National Living Wage in April 2024. The finances will continue to be a concern, and will require careful monitoring in the next financial year, due to another scheduled rise in the National Living Wage in April 2025.

As referenced in previous reports, the difficulty in establishing an active committee continues and fewer parents or carers are volunteering their time. This is a trend being seen across many parent volunteer platforms.

We continue to embrace our partnership with the attached school, sharing and developing plans for the future, monitoring individual learning areas and working together to make the transition into school a rewarding and happy experience.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have two accounts with reserve funds; one for short-to-medium term costs and the other for longer term contingency funds.

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


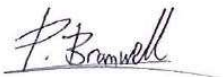
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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Hannah Langley	Paul Bramwell
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	Treasurer
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Date

11/03/2025



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1/9/2023	To	31/8/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
OCC AP	113,775	-	-	113,775	-
Fee income from parents	25,990	-	-	25,990	-
Interest accrued on Reserve Account	460	-	-	460	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	140,225	-	-	140,225	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	140,225	-	-	140,225	-
A3 Payments					
Staff	117,334	-	-	117,334	-
Pensions	3,200	-	-	3,200	-
Rent	150	-	-	150	-
Insurance	1,067	-	-	1,067	-
Phone	735	-	-	735	-
Repairs	781	-	-	781	-
Waste	808	-	-	808	-
Subscriptions	496	-	-	496	-
Consumables	2,005	-	-	2,005	-
Food Purchases	3,506	-	-	3,506	-
Voucher Purchases	975	-	-	975	-
Website	210	-	-	210	-
Bank Charges	211	-	-	211	-
Training	2,722	-	-	2,722	-
Printing	732	-	-	732	-
Dishwasher	444	-	-	444	-
Sundries	438	-	-	438	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	135,814	-	-	135,814	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases.					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	135,814	-	-	135,814	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,411	-	-	4,411	-
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	70,535			70,535	
Cash funds this year end	74,946			74,946	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	MAIN ACCOUNT	43,003	-	-
	RESERVE ACCOUNT	31,943	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	74,946	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

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


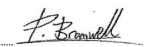
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	HANNAH LANGLEY	11/03/2025
	PAUL BRAMWELL	11/03/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
St Nicolas Pre School

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2024

Charity no
(if any)

284755

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 31/08/2024.

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: 12/03/2025

Name: Simon Baker

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

FCCA

Address: 5 Wyndham Gardens, Wallingford, OX10 9AU

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.