

	Trustees' Annual Report for the period								
	From	Period start date			To	Period end date			
		01	09	2024		31	08		2025

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	
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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 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.

The preschool formally closed in 2025, and the trustees' final duties have focused on fulfilling statutory obligations, including staff redundancies, asset disposal, and appropriate distribution of remaining funds

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)

ensuring that such groups offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability;

(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;

(c) instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.

Activities ceased in April 2025 with the closure of the Preschool. During the final year, the trustees ensured continuity of care until closure. The trustees confirm they have had due regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission when making closure decisions, particularly in relation to the distribution of remaining funds.

The adjoining school will open a nursery on the same site, which ensures provision for children below statutory school age continues in the community, with a more sustainable future.

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

This academic year was marked by the decision to close the Preschool, primarily due to financial pressures and ongoing challenges in sustaining an active committee of parent volunteers.

Trustees and staff worked hard to maintain high-quality provision until closure. The trustees also managed redundancy processes for staff and the return of the building to the diocese, who in turn will allow St Nicolas Primary School to open a nursery provision in its place.

A restricted donation of remaining funds was approved by the Early Years Alliance and directed to the St Nicolas School Association, to continue supporting children under statutory school age in the local community.

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. Funds from both accounts have been utilised in making redundancy payments on the closure of the Preschool, along with carrying out improvements necessary to 'make good' the building before handing it over to the adjoining school.

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.

Section F

Other optional information

St Nicolas Preschool and Playgroup has served the Abingdon community for over 40 years. The trustees would like to record their thanks to the staff, families, and volunteers whose contributions created a nurturing and supportive environment for generations of children.

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)

Hannah Langley

Paul Bramwell

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Treasurer

Date

02/10/2025



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1/9/2024

To

31/8/2025

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	72,531	-	-	72,531	-
Fee income from parents	11,121	-	-	11,121	-
Interest accrued on Reserve Account	342	-	-	342	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	83,994	-	-	83,994	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	83,994	-	-	83,994	-
A3 Payments					
Staff	82,573	-	-	82,573	-
Pensions	3,472	-	-	3,472	-
Redundancy costs	26,177	-	-	26,177	-
Agency costs	8,623	-	-	8,623	-
Contractors	523	-	-	523	-
Rent	150	-	-	150	-
Insurance	270	-	-	270	-
Phone	783	-	-	783	-
Repairs	772	-	-	772	-
'Making good' repairs	23,726	-	-	23,726	-
Waste	1,064	-	-	1,064	-
Subscriptions	604	-	-	604	-
Consumables	1,660	-	-	1,660	-
Food Purchases	1,661	-	-	1,661	-
Voucher Purchases	315	-	-	315	-
Bank Charges	141	-	-	141	-
Training	1,356	-	-	1,356	-
Printing	657	-	-	657	-
Sundries	126	-	-	126	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	154,653	-	-	154,653	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	154,653	-	-	154,653	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 70,659	-	-	- 70,659	-
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	74,946	-	-	74,946	-
Cash funds this year end	4,287	-	-	4,287	-

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	1,493	-	-
	RESERVE ACCOUNT	2,285	-	-
	NO 2 ACCOUNT	509	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,287	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

BUILDING SOCIETY DEPOSIT ACCOUNT - funds held in reserve to be used in the event of closing the organisation	12,548	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	HANNAH LANGLEY	02/10/2025
	PAUL BRAMWELL	02/10/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name St Nicolas Pre-School & Playgroup		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st August 2025	Charity no (if any)	284755
Set out on pages	<div></div> <div>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</div>		

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 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.

Signed:

SBaker

Date:

02/10/2025

Name:

Simon Baker

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

FCCA

Address:

5 Wyndham Gardens, Wallingford, OX10 9AU

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.