

ST NICHOLAS PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP - HURST

England & Wales · Charity number 900344

Details

Other names	ST NICHOLAS PLAYGROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1990-03-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 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, ENSURING THAT SUCH GROUPS OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN WHATEVER THEIR RACE, CULTURE, RELIGION, MEANS OR ABILITY;(B) ENCOURAGING THE STUDY OF SUCH 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: Providing a safe, secure and fun environment for children aged 2 - 5 years of age to reach their optimum potential and ensure their readiness for school.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Wokingham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£187,913	£207,325	-	-
2024-08-31	£202,958	£209,253	-	-
2023-08-31	£184,127	£170,179	-	-
2022-08-31	£150,298	£136,176	-	-
2021-08-31	£142,353	£133,328	-	-
2020-08-31	£139,921	£119,623	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Catherine Elizabeth Logan		2024-11-19
Sarah Jane Allam Macey		2025-11-19
Thomas Joseph Winser		2023-11-07

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Accounts

**St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
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Accounts for the Year ended 31 August 2025

St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Year ended 31 August 2025
Trustees Report

The following trustees held office during the year ended 31 August 2025:

Chair	Mrs L Hand
Treasurer	Mr T Winser
Secretary	Vacant

On the 19th November 2024 the committee resigned and the above trustees were appointed as well as four further committee members.

One of the trustees had a child attending the preschool this year

Governance and Management

The charity is an association consisting of two trustees and five further parent lead full committee members with roles encompassing marketing & fundraising. Safeguarding is to be overseen by Pre-school manager Mrs Claire Guile and Deputy manager Miss Holly Guile with committee support.

Objectives of the charity

At St. Nicholas Pre-School we aim to provide a happy, fun and secure learning experience for our children where their individuality are respected and valued. We will promote all areas of their development through the Early Learning Goals helping them to become more independent in preparation for their transition to primary school. We do this by providing play facilities appropriate to age and development so that Social linguistic, Physical, Creative, Intellectual, and Emotional development may be explored and enhanced. Parents and carers are vital to the setting to achieve these goals and they are always very welcome to stay and help. Parents are encouraged to join their child at St. Nicholas at least once a term to share their experiences.

Provision

Provision is made for up to 26 pupils per session over 10 sessions per week (Monday to Friday) as follows:

Morning session (9am - 12 noon)

Lunch club (12.00pm - 12.30pm)

Afternoon session (12.30pm - 3.30pm)

Chairman's review of performance

It has been another fantastic year for St Nicholas Preschool, thanks to our dedicated and passionate team. I'm pleased to report that retained all of our staff this year, providing consistency and strength across the setting. Unfortunately, we had one member of staff who was diagnosed with a serious health condition and is now on extended sickness - the rest of the team were incredible, pulling together to ensure a seamless experience for our children.

St Nicholas continues to play an important role in village life, including our much-enjoyed participation in the Hust Village Fayre with our popular strawberry stall. We invested this year in new iPads for our team to document the childrens' learning - the previous set were old, malfunctioning and out of support - the new ones are far superior. Additionally, we invested in our website which had become out of date - it now reflects the values of the preschool more closely and is helping us to move up the search results on Google.

Due to a change in the way we calculate salaries, staff received a pay rise, and we needed to increase our pension contributions. Alongside this, the increases in national insurance and a reduction in fundraising this year, have lead to a financial loss for the year. We have taken several steps towards correcting this for the next financial year, including reducing staff hours (while the number of children attending is lower, as is normal in the autumn term) and increasing our non-funded rate. Additionally one member of staff has left who we have not replaced. We are able to do this whilst staying within ratio. Fundraising will become a committee focus for the next year.

Claire and the team continue to provide outstanding support for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), including assisting families through the EHCP process. Their dedication makes a real and lasting difference in the lives of many.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to our committed committee members for their continued support and hard work, and my heartfelt gratitude goes to all our preschool staff for their unwavering dedication to St Nicholas Preschool.

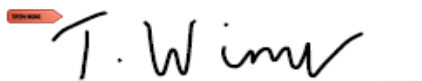
Summary of financial results and charitable activity

The Trustees and Committee have invested much time and commitment to improve the environment, reputation and performance of the setting by marketing, raising standards and implementing policies and procedures up to date with current legislation and increasing the head count of children.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have laid the financial statements and trustees report before the members of the committee attending a meeting held on 24th November 2025 and that the financial statements and trustees report were duly approved at the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Mr T Winser
Treasurer

24.11.25
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Date



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of** ST NICHOLAS PRE-SCHOOL

**On accounts for the year
ended** 31 AUGUST 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

Set out on pages 1 - 5

(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 August 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:

D. Thomas

Date:

12/05/2026

Name:

DENISE THOMAS

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

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Section B**Disclosure**

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.

NO MATTERS OF CONCERN

St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Year ended 31 August 2025
Income & Expenditure Account

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income	187,913	202,958
Direct Pre School Costs	5,322	9,537
Other Direct Costs	376	473
Gross Profit	<u>182,215</u>	<u>192,948</u>
Other Income	0	0
Expenditure		
Employee Costs	181,790	156,934
Premises Costs	9,313	9,313
Repairs/Maintenance	5,473	25,247
General Administrative Expenses	8,049	5,174
Advertising, Promotion & Entertainment	-	45
Payroll Bookkeeping	2,700	2,530
Other Expenses	-	-
	<u>207,325</u>	<u>199,243</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>(25,109)</u>	<u>(6,295)</u>

St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Year ended 31 August 2025
Balance Sheet

	2025	2024
Current Assets	£	£
Current Account	3,972	1,064
Savings account	109,869	128,989
Petty cash	-	-
Fees & equipment debtors	349	130
Other debtors	750	1,000
Prepayments	658	696
	<u>115,598</u>	<u>131,879</u>
Current Liabilities		
Trade creditors	- 13	518
PAYE	- 4	-
Other creditors	675	820
Accruals & deferred income	43,096	33,586
	<u>43,753</u>	<u>34,924</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>71,845</u>	<u>96,955</u>
Net Assets	<u>71,845</u>	<u>96,955</u>
Capital Account		
Balance at start of period	96,954	103,250
Net (Deficit)/Surplus	(25,109)	(6,295)
	<u>71,845</u>	<u>96,954</u>

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Accounts for the Year ended 31 August 2024

St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Year ended 31 August 2024
Trustees Report

The following trustees held office during the year ended 31 August 2024:

Chair	Mrs L Hand
Treasurer	Mr T Winser
Secretary	Mrs N Piper

On the 7th November 2023 the committee resigned and the above trustees were appointed as well as four further committee members.

All trustees have a vested interest in the pre-school as two have children attending during this financial year.

Governance and Management

The charity is an association consisting of three trustees and four further parent lead full committee members with roles encompassing marketing & fundraising. Safeguarding is to be overseen by Pre-school manager Mrs Claire Guile and Deputy manager Miss Lucy Davis with committee support.

Objectives of the charity

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Provision

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Morning session (9am - 12 noon)

Lunch club (12.00pm -
12.30pm)

Afternoon session (12.30pm - 3.30pm)

Chairman's review of performance

It has been another fantastic year for St Nicholas Preschool, thanks to our dedicated and passionate team. I'm pleased to report that we have once again retained 90% of our staff, providing consistency and strength across the setting. Our waiting list remains full, which is a testament to the excellent reputation the preschool holds within our community.

St Nicholas continues to play an important role in village life, including our much-enjoyed participation in the Hust Village Fayre with our popular strawberry stall. This year, we also enhanced our provision with the addition of a new covered outdoor play area -ensuring children have greater opportunities for outdoor learning and play, regardless of the weather.

We undertook essential repairs to our much-loved outdoor castle structure after discovering that a significant amount of the wood had rotted. As the project progressed, it became clear the extent of the damage was greater than initially anticipated, leading to higher repair costs. As a result, we are reporting a small financial loss for the year. Nonetheless, the safety and quality of our outdoor environment remains a top priority.

Claire and the team continue to provide outstanding support for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), including assisting families through the EHCP process. Their dedication makes a real and lasting difference in the lives of many.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to our committed committee members for their continued support and hard work, and my heartfelt gratitude goes to all our preschool staff for their unwavering dedication to St Nicholas Preschool.

Summary of financial results and charitable activity

The Trustees and Committee have invested much time and commitment to improve the environment, reputation and performance of the setting by marketing, raising standards and implementing policies and procedures up to date with current legislation and increasing the head count of children.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have laid the financial statements and trustees report before the members of the committee attending a meeting held on 19th November 2024 and that the financial statements and trustees report were duly approved at the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



30.11.24

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Miss Lucy Hand
Chair

.....
Date



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	ST NICHOLAS PRE-SCHOOL		
On accounts for the year ended	31 AUGUST 2024	Charity no (if any)	
	Set out on pages		
	<small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 August 2024.

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: D. Thomas Date: 21/06/2025

Name: DENISE THOMAS

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Section B**Disclosure**

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NO MATTERS OF CONCERN

St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Year ended 31 August 2024
Income & Expenditure Account

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income	202,958	184,127
Direct Pre School Costs	9,537	10,552
Other Direct Costs	473	850
Gross Profit	<u>192,948</u>	<u>172,725</u>
Other Income	0	0
Expenditure		
Employee Costs	156,934	138,517
Premises Costs	9,313	9,313
Repairs/Maintenance	25,247	4,978
General Administrative Expenses	5,174	3,680
Advertising, Promotion & Entertainment	45	11
Payroll Bookkeeping	2,530	2,178
Other Expenses	-	100
	<u>199,243</u>	<u>158,777</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>(6,295)</u>	<u>13,948</u>

St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst**Year ended 31 August 2024****Balance Sheet**

	2024	2023
Current Assets	£	£
Current Account	1,064	4,933
Savings account	128,989	129,765
Petty cash	-	-
Fees & equipment debtors	130	381
Other debtors	1,000	750
Prepayments	696	664
	<u>131,879</u>	<u>136,493</u>
Current Liabilities		
Trade creditors	518	154
PAYE	-	-
Other creditors	820	1,097
Accruals & deferred income	33,586	31,992
	<u>34,924</u>	<u>33,243</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>96,955</u>	<u>103,250</u>
Net Assets	<u>96,955</u>	<u>103,250</u>
Capital Account		
Balance at start of period	103,250	89,302
Net (Deficit)/Surplus	<u>(6,295)</u>	<u>13,948</u>
	<u>96,955</u>	<u>103,250</u>

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**St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Charity Number 900344**

Accounts for the Year ended 31 August 2023

St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Year ended 31 August 2023
Trustees Report

The following trustees held office during the year ended 31 August 2023:

Chair	Mrs L Hand
Secretary	Mrs G Lath

On the 2nd November 2022 the committee resigned and the above trustees were appointed as well as four further committee members.

All three trustees have a vested interest in the pre-school as they have children attending during this financial year.

Governance and Management

The charity is an association consisting of three trustees and four further parent lead full committee members with roles encompassing marketing & fundraising. Safeguarding is to be overseen by Pre-school manager Mrs Claire Guile and Deputy manager Miss Lucy Davis with committee support.

Objectives of the charity

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Provision

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Morning session (9am - 12 noon)

Lunch club (12.00pm -
12.30pm)

Afternoon session (12.30pm - 3.30pm)

Chairman's review of performance

Another great year for St Nicholas preschool and our fabulous team. Yet again we have retained 90% of our staff meaning we have a really strong team. We also still have a full waiting list for new starters. We had a wonderful 50th anniversary celebration in the summer, which even in the torrential rain had a great attendance from families old and new. We have now introduced a lunch club allowing for the morning session children and afternoon session children to both benefit from a calmer start and end to the day, this has been well received by our families. Claire and the team continue to support a number of families with SEND needs and support with EHCPs. I am proud of and grateful to our committee and their work to support St Nicholas Preschool. And unreservedly thankful for our Preschool staff.

Summary of financial results and charitable activity

The Trustees and Committee have invested much time and commitment to improve the environment, reputation and performance of the setting by marketing, raising standards and implementing policies and procedures up to date with current legislation and increasing the head count of children. The Trustees and Committee have supported the staff and preschool in implementing Covid safe practices, managing the financial difficulties that accompanied lockdown and re-opening.

Post balance sheet events

Ofsted reviewed the setting in March 2022. The outcome is a 'Good' in all areas with a very positive overall report. The pre-school continues to strive to become 'Outstanding' in all areas.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have laid the financial statements and trustees report before the members of the committee attending a meeting held on 2nd November 2022 and that the financial statements and trustees report were duly approved at the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



5.11.22

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Miss Lucy Hand
Chair

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Date



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

On accounts for the year
ended

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 31/08/2023.

**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:

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- 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:

Name:

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

Address:

St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Year ended 31 August 2023
Income & Expenditure Account

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income	184,127	150,298
Direct Pre School Costs	10,552	5,377
Other Direct Costs	850	275
Gross Profit	<u>172,725</u>	<u>144,646</u>
Other Income	0	0
Expenditure		
Employee Costs	138,517	116,623
Premises Costs	9,313	9,313
Repairs/Maintenance	4,978	2,869
General Administrative Expenses	3,680	5,280
Advertising, Promotion & Entertainment	11	-
Payroll Bookkeeping	2,178	2,091
Other Expenses	100	-
	<u>158,777</u>	<u>136,176</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>13,948</u>	<u>8,471</u>

St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Year ended 31 August 2023
Balance Sheet

	2023	2022
Current Assets	£	£
Current Account	4,933	2,167
Savings account	129,765	119,636
Petty cash	-	-
Fees & equipment debtors	381	110
Other debtors	750	1,000
Prepayments	664	645
	<u>136,493</u>	<u>123,558</u>
Current Liabilities		
Trade creditors	154	- 15
PAYE	-	1,223
Other creditors	1,097	938
Accruals & deferred income	31,992	32,110
	<u>33,243</u>	<u>34,256</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>103,250</u>	<u>89,302</u>
Net Assets	<u>103,250</u>	<u>89,302</u>
Capital Account		
Balance at start of period	89,302	80,831
Net (Deficit)/Surplus	13,948	8,471
	<u>103,250</u>	<u>89,302</u>

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Accounts for the Year ended 31 August 2022

St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Year ended 31 August 2022
Trustees Report

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Secretary	Mrs G Lath

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Morning session (9am - 12 noon)

Afternoon session (12pm - 3pm)

Chairman's review of performance

Finally a semi-normal year following COVID-19 and its restrictions, I am once again proud to say we are still in an incredibly strong position. The pre-school has weathered and adapted to many changes with ease, supporting each other and all our families. We also had our first ofsted inspection in March since 2017. Retaining our good rating and gaining another really positive report for our preschool, a great achievement for our entire team. Not only was the result great but the inspection itself filled me with pride as it was seamless, as we were already confidently doing all of the great work and didn't need to "sell" anything. The pre-school continues to be in high demand, with waiting lists for Autumn term. Our staff have continued to improve their early years qualifications.

Summary of financial results and charitable activity

The Trustees and Committee have invested much time and commitment to improve the environment, reputation and performance of the setting by marketing, raising standards and implementing policies and procedures up to date with current legislation and increasing the head count of children. The Trustees and Committee have supported the staff and preschool in implementing Covid safe practices, managing the financial difficulties that accompanied lockdown and re-opening.

Post balance sheet events

Ofsted reviewed the setting in March 2022. The outcome is a 'Good' in all areas with a very positive overall report. The pre-school continues to strive to become 'Outstanding' in all areas.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have laid the financial statements and trustees report before the members of the committee attending a meeting held on 18 October 2021 and that the financial statements and trustees report were duly approved at the meeting. Due to COVID AGM held virtually.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



15.12.22

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Miss Lucy Hand
Chair

.....
Date



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

ST NICHOLAS PRE-SCHOOL

On accounts for the year
ended

31 AUGUST 2022

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

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Signed:

D. Thomas

Date:

03/06/2023

Name:

DENISE THOMAS

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

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ICAEW

Address:

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FARNBOROUGH

GU14 8BT

Section B**Disclosure**

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NO MATTERS OF CONCERN

St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Year ended 31 August 2022
Income & Expenditure Account

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income	150,298	142,353
Direct Pre School Costs	5,377	4,390
Other Direct Costs	275	321
Gross Profit	<u>144,646</u>	<u>137,642</u>
Other Income	0	0
Expenditure		
Employee Costs	116,623	108,223
Premises Costs	9,313	8,537
Repairs/Maintenance	2,869	10,368
General Administrative Expenses	5,280	4,150
Advertising, Promotion & Entertainment	-	-
Payroll Bookkeeping	2,091	2,050
Other Expenses	-	-
	<u>136,176</u>	<u>133,328</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>8,471</u>	<u>4,314</u>

St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Year ended 31 August 2022
Balance Sheet

	2022	2021
Current Assets	£	£
Current Account	2,167	2,223
Savings account	119,636	110,153
Petty cash	-	-
Fees & equipment debtors	110	52
Other debtors	1,000	300
Prepayments	645	631
	<u>123,558</u>	<u>113,359</u>
Current Liabilities		
Trade creditors	- 15	310
PAYE	1,223	782
Other creditors	938	968
Accruals & deferred income	32,110	30,421
	<u>34,256</u>	<u>32,528</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>89,302</u>	<u>80,831</u>
Net Assets	<u>89,302</u>	<u>80,831</u>
Capital Account		
Balance at start of period	80,831	76,517
Net (Deficit)/Surplus	8,471	4,314
	<u>89,302</u>	<u>80,831</u>

ST NICHOLAS PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP - HURST

England & Wales - Charity number 900344

Accounts

**St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Charity Number 900344**

Accounts for the Year ended 31 August 2021

St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Year ended 31 August 2021
Trustees Report

The following trustees held office during the year ended 31 August 2021:

Chair	Mrs L Hand
Secretary	Mrs M Buckle
Treasurer	Mrs R Rimmer

On the 19th October 2020 the committee resigned and the above trustees were appointed as well as four further committee members.

All three trustees have a vested interest in the pre-school as they have children attending during this financial year.

Governance and Management

The charity is an association consisting of three trustees and four further parent lead full committee members with roles encompassing marketing & fundraising. Safeguarding is to be overseen by Pre-school manager Mrs Claire Guile and Deputy manager Miss Lucy Davis with committee support.

Objectives of the charity

At St. Nicholas Pre-School we aim to provide a happy, fun and secure learning experience for our children where their individuality are respected and valued. We will promote all areas of their development through the Early Learning Goals helping them to become more independent in preparation for their transition to primary school. We do this by providing play facilities appropriate to age and development so that Social linguistic, Physical, Creative, Intellectual, and Emotional development may be explored and enhanced. Parents and carers are vital to the setting to achieve these goals and they are always very welcome to stay and help. Parents are encouraged to join their child at St. Nicholas at least once a term to share their experiences.

Provision

Provision is made for up to 26 pupils per session over 10 sessions per week (Monday to Friday) as follows:

Morning session (9am - 12 noon)

Afternoon session (12pm - 3pm)

Chairman's review of performance

Following yet another year of uncertainty due to COVID-19 and its restrictions, I am once again proud to say we are still in an incredibly strong position. The pre-school has weathered and adapted to many changes with ease, supporting each other and all our families. As a result the pre-school continues to be in high demand, with waiting lists for Autumn term. Our staff have continued to improve their early years qualifications. Despite restrictions on fundraising events we have managed to adapt our methods meaning we could still raise funds to help improve the resources and surroundings at preschool. The pre-school interior benefitted from a much needed bathroom renovation during the Easter holidays.

Summary of financial results and charitable activity

The Trustees and Committee have invested much time and commitment to improve the environment, reputation and performance of the setting by marketing, raising standards and implementing policies and procedures up to date with current legislation and increasing the head count of children. The Trustees and Committee have supported the staff and preschool in implementing Covid safe practices, managing the financial difficulties that accompanied lockdown and re-opening.

Post balance sheet events

Ofsted reviewed the setting in January 2017. The outcome is a 'Good' in all areas with a very positive overall report. The pre-school continues to strive to become 'Outstanding' in all areas. Due to COVID most inspections have been delayed, we potentially anticipate an Ofsted visit in 2021/2022.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have laid the financial statements and trustees report before the members of the committee attending a meeting held on 18 October 2021 and that the financial statements and trustees report were duly approved at the meeting. Due to COVID AGM held virtually.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



.....
Miss Lucy Hand
Chair

12.10.21

.....
Date

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

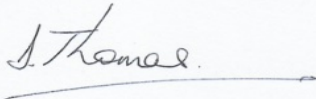
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 not identified any 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.



Name: Miss D Thomas

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: 10 Fleming Close, Farnborough, GU14 8BT

Date: 23 June 2022

St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Year ended 31 August 2021
Income & Expenditure Account

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income	142,353	139,921
Direct Pre School Costs	4,390	6,416
Other Direct Costs	321	27
Gross Profit	<u>137,642</u>	<u>133,478</u>
Other Income	0	0
Expenditure		
Employee Costs	108,223	103,839
Premises Costs	8,537	6,985
Repairs/Maintenance	10,368	4,122
General Administrative Expenses	4,150	2,583
Advertising, Promotion & Entertainment	-	-
Payroll Bookkeeping	2,050	2,055
Other Expenses	-	39
	<u>133,328</u>	<u>119,623</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>4,314</u>	<u>13,856</u>

St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Year ended 31 August 2021
Balance Sheet

	2021	2020
Current Assets	£	£
Current Account	2,223	5,536
Savings account	110,153	103,210
Petty cash	-	-
Fees & equipment debtors	52	- 590
Other debtors	300	500
Prepayments	631	630
	<u>113,359</u>	<u>109,286</u>
Current Liabilities		
Trade creditors	310	337
PAYE	782	604
Other creditors	968	1,006
Accruals & deferred income	30,421	30,822
	<u>32,528</u>	<u>32,769</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>80,831</u>	<u>76,517</u>
Net Assets	<u>80,831</u>	<u>76,517</u>
Capital Account		
Balance at start of period	76,517	62,661
Net (Deficit)/Surplus	4,314	13,856
	<u>80,831</u>	<u>76,517</u>

ST NICHOLAS PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP - HURST

England & Wales - Charity number 900344

Accounts

**St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Charity Number 900344**

Accounts for the Year ended 31 August 2020

St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Year ended 31 August 2020
Trustees Report

The following trustees held office during the year ended 31 August 2020:

Chair	Mrs J Pegg (until December 19) Miss L Hand (from December 19)
Secretary	Mrs K Brownie (until December 19) Mrs D Gordon-Walker (from Dec 19)
Treasurer	Miss L Hand (until December 19) Mrs Z Lakovic (from December 19)

On the 14th October 2019 the committee resigned and the above trustees were appointed as well as four further committee members.

All three trustees have a vested interest in the pre-school as they have children attending during this financial year.

Governance and Management

The charity is an association consisting of three trustees and four further parent lead full committee members with roles encompassing marketing & fundraising. Safeguarding is to be overseen by Pre-school manager Mrs Claire Guile and Deputy manager Miss Lucy Davis with committee support.

Objectives of the charity

At St. Nicholas Pre-School we aim to provide a happy, fun and secure learning experience for our children where their individuality are respected and valued. We will promote all areas of their development through the Early Learning Goals helping them to become more independent in preparation for their transition to primary school. We do this by providing play facilities appropriate to age and development so that Social linguistic, Physical, Creative, Intellectual, and Emotional development may be explored and enhanced. Parents and carers are vital to the setting to achieve these goals and they are always very welcome to stay and help. Parents are encouraged to join their child at St. Nicholas at least once a term to share their experiences.

Provision

Provision is made for up to 26 pupils per session over 10 sessions per week (Monday to Friday) as follows:

Morning session (9am - 12 noon)

Afternoon session (12pm - 3pm)

Chairman's review of performance

During an unprecedented year under the shadow of COVID-19 I am proud to say we are still in an incredibly strong position. The pre-school continues to be in high demand, with waiting lists for Autumn term. Our staff are all now qualified with both our Manager and member of staff having passed Early Years Teacher Status qualification. Despite restrictions on fundraising we have received generous donations allowing further improvements to resources indoors and out. The pre-school interior was also treated to a fresh lick of paint which has improved the space no end.

Summary of financial results and charitable activity

The Trustees and Committee have invested much time and commitment to improve the environment, reputation and performance of the setting by marketing, raising standards and implementing policies and procedures up to date with current legislation and increasing the head count of children. The Trustees and Committee have supported the staff and preschool in implementing Covid safe practices, managing the financial difficulties that accompanied lockdown and re-opening.

Post balance sheet events

Ofsted reviewed the setting in January 2017. The outcome is a 'Good' in all areas with a very positive overall report. The pre-school continues to strive to become 'Outstanding' in all areas. Due to COVID inspections are currently suspending we don't anticipate an

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have laid the financial statements and trustees report before the members of the committee attending a meeting held on 19 October 2020 and that the financial statements and trustees report were duly approved at the meeting. Due Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



.....
Miss Lucy Hand
Chair

19.10.2020
.....
Date

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Name: Miss D Thomas

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: 10 Fleming Close, Farnborough, GU14 8BT

Date: 19 June 2021

St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Year ended 31 August 2020
Income & Expenditure Account

	2020	2019
	£	£
Income	139,921	139,802
Direct Pre School Costs	6,416	6,375
Other Direct Costs	27	4,117
Gross Profit	<u>133,478</u>	<u>129,310</u>
Other Income	0	0
Expenditure		
Employee Costs	103,839	94,009
Premises Costs	6,985	9,313
Repairs/Maintenance	4,122	28,065
General Administrative Expenses	2,583	5,220
Advertising, Promotion & Entertainment	-	95
Payroll Bookkeeping	2,055	1,575
Other Expenses	39	70
	<u>119,623</u>	<u>138,347</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>13,856</u>	<u>(9,038)</u>

St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Year ended 31 August 2020

Balance Sheet

	2020	2019
Current Assets	£	£
Current Account	5,536	3,416
Savings account	103,210	83,210
Petty cash	-	-
Fees & equipment debtors	- 590	- 18
Other debtors	500	750
Prepayments	630	4,320
	<u>109,286</u>	<u>91,678</u>
Current Liabilities		
Trade creditors	337	67
PAYE	604	1,656
Other creditors	1,006	727
Accruals & deferred income	30,822	26,567
	<u>32,769</u>	<u>29,017</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>76,517</u>	<u>62,661</u>
Net Assets	<u>76,517</u>	<u>62,661</u>
Capital Account		
Balance at start of period	62,661	71,699
Net (Deficit)/Surplus	13,856	(9,038)
	<u>76,517</u>	<u>62,661</u>