



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/08/2024 Period start date To 31/07/2025 Period end date

Charity name: Brightwell Pre-school

Charity registration number: 900373

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The aims of the Preschool are to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the need 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 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.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The preschool aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide a safe, nurturing, child-centred learning environment• Deliver high-quality early years education following the EYFS• Offer Forest School experiences• Maintain high staff-to-child ratios• Support children's social, emotional, and physical development <p>Our Staff:</p> <p>Most of our permanently employed staff are qualified above the minimum standards or training towards this level and we continue to invest in staff development. All of our staff are trained in paediatric First Aid and continue to refresh mandatory training.</p>

		<p>Throughout this year trustees have been and continue to focus on the below themes and issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing operational professionalism (fire safety, admin systems, communication) • Rising complexity of children's needs and responsive environmental adaptations • Growing pressure on the sustainability of the parent-run committee model • Continued emphasis on staff wellbeing and retention • Strengthened financial oversight and modelling <p>Educational and Developmental Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children made strong progress across EYFS prime areas: communication and language, personal/social/emotional development, and physical development. • Staff introduced enhanced phonics and early numeracy sessions, improving school-readiness indicators. • SEN support plans were implemented for children requiring additional help, with positive feedback from families. • Strong partnership with the primary school supported smooth transitions for children entering Reception - The preschool works closely with the school on a programme to support the transition of children from the preschool to school incorporating information evenings, guidance to parents, settling in sessions, opportunities to get involved in school activities such as sports day and the use of the school grounds for P.E lessons, all helping children to get used to the environment and feel supported during the transition. <p>The preschool trustees have continued to support families to access their fully funded entitlement throughout the introduction of greater entitlements for working families and for younger children.</p>
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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm they have complied with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Brightwell Preschool provides affordable early years education to all children in the community, including those with SEND or additional needs. The preschool supports families through accessible communication, flexible provision, and community-based events.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Educational Provision</p> <p>Brightwell Preschool continued to deliver high-quality early years education with strong staff-to-child ratios and a nurturing, child-centred ethos. Staff maintained a warm, positive environment and adapted provision to meet the increasingly wide range of support needs among children, which the Manager noted continue to rise each year . Several environment improvements were implemented to enhance independence, inclusivity, and learning:</p> <p>Going forward, the trustees intend to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expand outdoor learning provision • invest in staff training, particularly SEN and early literacy • strengthen digital administration systems • increase community fundraising to support capital improvements
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Fundraising remained essential. Key activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love My Preschool Day • Welly Walk Challenge • Village Fete participation <p>The committee continued to refine its fundraising strategy to maintain income and community involvement.</p>
	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives		
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Position at year end showed a surplus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Intake was variable but positive during the year; The cost of energy and food increased; Pay rises in line with minimum wage increase and providing a fair wage increase to all staff, despite receiving limited increase in Government funding; and Spending on preschool premises and maintenance items, such as repairing and cleaning outside decking and replacing a dishwasher.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We aim to have £24,x000 in reserves, the equivalent of 3 months running costs of the preschool. Funds held in the fundraising account (see accounts) were kept in reserve this year in order that they could be added to the total funds in the deposit account, providing the total reserve amount recommended by the Charities Commission). We are still in line with the preschool learning alliance recommendations of 3 months operating costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£12,179 in deposit account plus £8,594 in fundraising account
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Principal funding sources are: Government grant funding Private fees Fundraising
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:			
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution – Preschool Learning Alliance Model Preschool Constitution 2011	
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust	
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by committee	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Brightwell Preschool
Other name the charity uses	Previously Allsorts Preschool (changed in December 2019)
Registered charity number	900373

Charity's principal address	BRIGHTWELL CoE PRIMARY SCHOOL BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL WALLINGFORD OX10 0QH

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	Leanne Wilson	Chair	From October 2025	
2	Michelle Wells	Treasurer	From October 2025	
4	Gillian Kitchen	Secretary	Whole year	
5	Ester Atkinson-Sweetman	Member	Whole year	
6	Charlotte Smith	Member	Whole year	
7	Lyndsey Clark	Member	From October 2025	
8	Holly Marriot	Member	From October 2025	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Ruth Kimber		
Angus Dart		
Caroline Annetts		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NA
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

ME Wells

Full name(s)

Michelle Wells

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

15/05/2026

BRIGHTWELL PRESCHOOL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDING 31 JULY 2025

Current Account

Income	£
Fees	49,336
Grant	88,759
Donations	1,395
Other	474
Transfer from fundraising account	1,568
Total	141,532

Expenditure	£
Salaries	116,429
Premises costs	3,244
Energy costs	2,739
Catering	5,046
Consumables & Equipment	1,836
Training	873
Payroll company	690
Cleaning	1,375
Insurance	1,993
Other	8,230
Total	142,455

Deficit for period = (£923)

Statement of condition

	31-Jul-23	31-Jul-24	31-Jul-25
Balance a/c	£18,778	£32,946	£32,024

Deposit account

Income	£
Interest	30
Total	30

Expenditure	£
Total	-

Surplus for period = £30

Statement of condition

	31-Jul-23	31-Jul-24	31-Jul-25
Balance a/c	£12,149	£12,179	12,209 (<i>calculated</i>)

	31-Jul-23	31-Jul-24	31-Jul-25
Total of Current account and Deposit account	£30,927	£45,125	£44,233

Fundraising account

Income	£
Fundraising/donations	4,267
Total	4,267

Expenditure	£
Premises costs	3,876
Fundraising expenses	85
Transfer to main account	1,568
Total	5,529

Deficit for period = (£1,262)

Statement of condition

	31-Jul-23	31-Jul-24	31-Jul-25
Balance a/c	£ 6,709	£ 8,594	£7,332

I confirm that I have examined the books, vouchers and bank statements ("the accounting records") presented to me by Brightwell Preschool and the Statement of condition as of 31st July 2025, together with the income and expenditure account for the year to 31st July 2025, represent a fair and reasonable view of the accounting records so presented



Sophie Smith
Independent Examiner

Dated 10/11/25

Signed on behalf of all the trustees on



Tom Fewson
Treasurer

Dated 15/11/25



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

BRIGHTWELL PRESCHOOL

31 July 2025

On accounts for the year ended

Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/07/2025.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

10 November 2025

Name:

SOPHIE SMITH

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

Chartered Accountant (CA)

Address:

Croft House, Brightwell cum Sotwell

Wallingford

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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.