



STANWIX COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST JULY 2025

We are pleased to present the annual report for Stanwix Community Preschool, a registered charity providing high-quality early years education and care for children aged 2.5 years – 4 years in the Carlisle area.

As one of the few early years provisions in the area, we continue to play a vital role in supporting local families and ensuring children have the best possible start in life. Despite ongoing financial challenges, this year has been one of growth, creativity and community spirit. We are incredibly proud of how our staff have worked together to maintain a warm, high-quality environment for our children. Highlights from this year include:

- An increase in number of children on roll, with parent feedback continuing to be overwhelmingly positive.
- Replacing a large section of wooden decking in the outdoor area with new composite decking.
- Hosting our very first EYFS Graduation Ceremony, celebrating the achievements of our children as they prepared to move on to school. The event was a wonderful success, bringing together children, families and staff (past and present) to mark this special milestone in a joyful and memorable way. Our team worked hard to make the day special, from decorations and displays of children's work to the refreshments and photo opportunities that followed. For many families, it was a celebration not just of their child's achievements but also of the care, learning and friendships that have shaped their early years journey.
- Holding several successful fundraising events such as our spring raffle and selling personalised tote bags.
- Continuing to meet all EYFS and safeguarding standards with positive feedback from parents and carers. We've also invested in professional development for our staff to ensure that our practice remains current and in line with EYFS guidance.

Looking ahead to next year, we aim to:

- Secure funding for new outdoor equipment to enhance play and learning opportunities.
- Continue developing staff training in safeguarding, Ofsted requirements and helping children with SEND.
- Host a Christmas performance following the success of the graduation.
- Explore new fundraising opportunities to maintain financial stability.

Together with our staff, committee and families, we have continued to build a strong, caring and resilient early years community!



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Legal and Administrative Information

Stanwix Community Pre-School is a Charity, Registration Number 1027121, and a member of the Early Years Learning Alliance. It is also registered with Ofsted 317608.

Principle Address

Stanwix Community Pre-School, Church Street, Stanwix, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA3 9DJ.

Objectives of the Pre-School

To enhance the development and education of children (Primarily under statutory school age) by providing appropriate safe play facilities and good quality affordable childcare. Encouraging parents and the local community to be involved in the recognition of such needs in the local area and offering opportunities for ALL children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability.

Aims

To provide a stimulating, safe environment, equipment for all children and engage staff.

Raise money to pay for pre-school activities.

Make such payments as shall be necessary.

Fix and collect the fees in respect of the children attending the pre-school.

Principle Bankers

The Bank Accounts are held at HSBC City Office, English Street, Carlisle.

Trustees and Governance

There are 10 Trustees who are elected annually by parents. The Trustees follow our Constitution and are all DBS checked following OFSTED guidelines. The Trustees meet every 6/8 weeks and minutes of meetings are kept on file. The chair of this committee is Sarah Thompson.

Reserves Policy

The Pre-School has a reserves account purely to cover staff redundancies and any outstanding rent, utilities etc. The main source of funding is Nursery Grant funding from Cumberland Council and parental fees, with parents helping to raise funds for equipment.

Financial Position

The net profit for the financial year ending 31 July 2025 was **£11,292.81**

The fund balance as at 1 August 2024 was **£86,352.28** and at the end of the financial year on 31 July 2025 the fund balance stood at **£97,645.09**.



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Expenditure for the year ended 31 July 2025

	2024/ 2025		2023/ 2024	
	£	£	£	£
Wages	84298.47		75977.97	
Employee Pension	835.87		743.51	
Employer Pension	627.07		557.93	
PAYE/NI	4290.35			
Wages software	103.20		98.40	
DBS checks			85.80	
Staff Training	102.28			
Total Employee Costs		<u>90257.24</u>		<u>77463.61</u>
Rent		6201.00		4584.00
Telephone/Broadband		943.11		751.34
Insurance		691.76		860.80
Cleaning		1090.00		1019.76
Laptop, consumables & software		886.61		667.34
Website Design		168.00		168.00
Twinkle Subscription			118.38	
Mrs McAvity Subscription	39.97			
Tapestry Subscription	162.00		150.00	
Early years Alliance membership	130.00			
Ofsted fee	50.00		50.00	
ICO fee	40.00	421.97	40.00	358.38
Bank Charges		62.17		64.62
Repairs				42.90
Screen repair		336.00		
Equipment		1415.19		1806.03
Decking	4550.00			
Less Grant	1000.00	3550.00		
Stationery, Postage, Sundries etc.		62.24		191.32
Christmas/Easter parties/gifts		339.58		514.32
Jumping Jack party		180.00		
TV Licence		174.50		169.50
Snacks and crafts etc	1063.51		1281.33	
Less: Donations	2823.22	-1759.71	1662.00	-380.67
Milk Costs	114.99		183.68	
Less: Refunds	<u>145.84</u>	-30.85	<u>212.58</u>	-28.90
Decorating				3000.00
PAT Testing (x2)				262.80
Plants		60.41		167.86
First Aid		87.84		12.99
Parentmail		106.52		1183.30
Insect Lore				15.97
Compliance publications				8.75
		<u>105243.58</u>		<u>92904.02</u>



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Income for the year ended 31 July 2025

		2024/ 2025		2023/ 2024	
		£	£	£	£
Parental Fees	Received		7159.66		15381.14
Cumbria County Council		104757.51		67669.02	
" " "	Grant	690.97			
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Fundraising	Tea towels and coasters			161.00	
	Tote Bags	198.00			
	Less costs	285.00		160.00	
			-87.00		1.00
	Hampers		242.00		
Bank Interest			673.86		708.73
			<u>116536.38</u>		<u>84533.85</u>

FUNDS AVAILABLE

	Balance brought forward		86352.28		94722.45
	INCOME FOR YEAR	116536.39		84533.85	
	EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR	<u>105243.58</u>		<u>92904.02</u>	
			<u>11292.81</u>		<u>-8370.17</u>
			<u>97645.09</u>		<u>86352.28</u>
Represented by:					
Bank Balances:	Current Account	59796.32		49154.98	
	Reserve Account	<u>37739.54</u>		<u>37065.68</u>	
			97535.86		86220.66
Petty Cash	In hand	31.99		54.75	
	Starling Bank	77.24	109.23	76.87	131.62
			<u>97645.09</u>		<u>86352.28</u>

02 September 2025

Prepared from the books, records and information received and certified to be in accordance therewith.

Stella G Bell *Independent Examiner*

