

Trustees' Report September 2024 – August 2025

Objectives and activities

The main purpose of the charity is to provide high quality care and education for children of the local area and to support children and parents in their child's development and readiness for school.

Weldon Pre-School is a charity run setting providing up to 30 places. As well as the usual level of subscription from Weldon Village based families, we continue to have families travelling in from Corby and Priors Hall to access the Pre-School.

We started this academic year with an average for September number of children. We have had regular requests for funded spaces from next year, so we do have a list of new starters waiting to start after Christmas.

We have recently increased session fees/ consumable charges in September to meet rising costs of operation. We have continued to work with the village hall to extend opening hours but unfortunately this hasn't been successful this year due to their commitments. We continue to pursue options for the future of pre school.

The Pre-School, again, continues to face ongoing issues with regards to the administration of funding by the local authority, including and not limited to, incorrect computation of children, hours, and payment allocation. We strive each month to quality check the funding received, reporting any issues promptly and hoping for swift rectification. This does, however, present cashflow issues on occasion.

This year we have carried out fundraising events such as our annual Christmas Fayre and Wreath making night as these both have been a continued success for Pre-School. We also managed to secure Barclays Match funding to double our amount made from the Christmas Fayre.

Smaller events were also been pencilled in throughout the year to allow us to have extra expenditure for party days and to celebrate the end of term.

The Pre-School continues to be challenged in its attempts to garner interest from existing and new parents to contribute and/or join the committee due to general work/life pressures. This is something

we hope to see change in 2026. However, we are currently operating with a dedicated and efficient small team that is currently working well.

Our committee

The following people serve on the committee:

Chair - Amy Tibble

Treasurer – Luke Tibble

Secretary - Sophie York

Committee member - Emma Chalmers

Our Preschool Team

We have a strong team working in our Pre-School, made up of:

Carlene Fox - Manager (Early Years Teacher Status)

Carla Henry - Pre-School Deputy (Level 3)

Natalie Abrahams – Pre-School Practitioner, (Cache diploma in Childcare and Education)

The Pre-School numbers at the end of year were 20 children on register, with 13 moving on to Primary school.

*Weldon Pre-School made a modest profit of £6438.09 in this fiscal period.

The Trustees' report for the year ended 31st August 2025 was approved on 20/11/2025

Signed by



Chair - Amy Tibble

WELDON PRE-SCHOOL
Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31 August 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Receipts		
Fees Received (Private)	7,430.00	13,274.75
Fees Received (Funded)	63,986.81	40,471.78
Fees Received (Consumables/Extra Services)	9,923.50	5,849.50
Grants/Other Income	1,000.00	7,000.00
Gifts/Donations	0.00	0.00
Profits from Fundraising	4,159.11	3,522.13
	<u>86,499.42</u>	<u>70,118.16</u>
 Payments		
Wages, NI, Pension & HMRC	60,270.41	52,058.67
Staff Welfare	83.22	185.71
Rent	10,535.50	10,293.25
Insurance	649.65	621.60
Staff Training & DBS Fees	347.90	130.00
Resources & Equipment	2,530.00	1,582.84
Marketing	0.00	0.00
Uniform	66.90	25.00
Snacks & Refreshments	584.26	520.45
Office Hardware/Software/Consumables	326.95	256.06
Premises Expenses	0.00	0.00
Telephone/Internet Domain	0.00	0.00
Subscriptions	316.20	352.79
Legal Fees	0.00	0.00
Professional Fees	1,956.00	1,982.40
Fundraising Expenses	2,394.34	1,496.47
	<u>80,061.33</u>	<u>69,505.24</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	6,438.09	612.92
 Opening Funds		
Bank - Current Account	4,272.13	4,627.86
Bank - Fundraising Account	5,000.00	4,031.35
Petty Cash	0.00	0.00
	<u>9,272.13</u>	<u>8,659.21</u>
Closing Funds	<u>15,710.22</u>	<u>9,272.13</u>
 Represented by		
Bank - Current Account	13,209.68	4,272.13
Bank - Fundraising Account	2,132.64	5,000.00
Petty Cash	367.90	0.00
	<u>15,710.22</u>	<u>9,272.13</u>
	0.00	0.00

The accounts for the year ended 31st August 2025 were approved on 10.11.2025

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Weldon Pre-School

I report on the accounts of Weldon Pre-School, charity number 1027891, for the year ended 31st August 2025.

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 year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 the course of my examination, subject to not having seen the Trustees Report, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 10/12/2025