



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	09	2023		31	08	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Welbourn Wonderbugs Pre-School

Other names charity is known by

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)

1044232

Charity's principal address

22 Manor Close
 Welbourn
 Lincoln
Postcode LN5 0NA

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)
7	Toni Kerr	Manager	October 2023 to date	
8	Lyndsey Collin	Chairperson	Jan 2023 to date	
9	Darren McFaul	Secretary	Oct 2023 to date	
10	Ursula Francis	Committee	Oct 2022 to date	
12	Kelly Gadsby	Treasurer	Oct 2021 to Date	
13	Felicity Pepperdine	Committee	Oct 2023 to date	
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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

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Th Preschool has adopted the Pre-School Alliance Constitution and is run in accordance with this.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are elected by the membership at the AGM. The committee has the power to co-opt up to three further committee members during the year. All trustees must seek re-election at each AGM.

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.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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 the needs of their children through community groups 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 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 promotion 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 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)

Welbourn Wonderbugs Pre-School aims to:

- Provide high quality care and education for children primarily below statutory school age;
- Work in partnership with parents to help children to learn and develop;
- Add to the life and well-being of its local community; and
- Offer children and their parents a service which promotes equality and values diversity.

We aim to ensure that each child:

- Is in a safe and stimulating environment
- Is given generous care and attention, enabled by our high ratio of qualified staff to children and as well as volunteer parent helpers;
- Has the chance to join with other children and adults to live, play, work, learn and have fun together;
- Is encouraged to take forward his/her learning and development be being helped to build on what he/she already knows and can do;
- Has a personal key person who makes sure each child makes satisfying progress and who offers support to the family as a whole;
- Is in a setting which sees parents as partners in helping your child to learn and develop; and
- Is in a setting in which parents help to shape the service it offers.

The pre-School offers 3 hours sessions per week for a maximum of 14 children per session. There are 5 morning sessions from 9am – 12 noon and 5 afternoon sessions from 12 noon until 3pm. Children attending both morning and afternoon sessions will attend from 9am – 3pm. Additionally, the children can start their day early with an early session running from 8.30-9.00 and extend their day with a late session running from 3.00-4.00

The sessions are open to children of age 2-5. Funded places are available for 2 and 3 and 4 year olds. Funding for 2-year olds is subject to eligibility. The Preschool offers 30 hours funded places to 3 and 4 year olds whose parents are eligible.

A learning journal is maintained for each child by their key person and parents are encouraged to contribute to this too.

Sessions are organised so that the children choose from, and work at, a range of activities and in doing so, build up their ability to select and work through a task to completion. The children are also helped and encouraged to take part in adult-led small and large group activities which introduce them to new experiences and help them to gain new skills, as well as encouraging them to learn to work with others.

Outdoor activities contribute to children's health, their physical development and their understanding of the world around them. The children have the opportunity, and are encouraged to take part in outdoor, child-chosen and adult-led activities, as well as those provided in the indoor playroom.

The trustees consider that these activities provide a public benefit to children below statutory school age in the village and surrounding area by offering them a safe environment in which they can learn and develop.

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Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

N/A

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year we were lucky enough, once again, to be awarded money from Lincolnshire COOP as part of their instore support of local charities. We also raised over £500 from a late summer fete, organised by the committee and support by both preschool parents and the local community. A further £75 was raised at easter with a easter quiz and egg raffle which we held in conjunction with the village Primary school. The fundraised money has been out to good use by purchasing a willow arch, to provide the children with a lovely nature based outside reading and exploration area. We also purchased some more trikes to give more children the opportunity to practise their balance and gross motor skills.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity continues to hold significant reserves for a charity of its size. These have been built up over several years and are held for the following reasons.

Firstly, the trustees recognise that the number of children attending the setting can fluctuate and therefore some money is held in reserve to ensure the continued running of the group should there be a period of low numbers.

Secondly, it is necessary to hold amounts in reserve to provide for redundancy costs should the Pre-School no longer be able to continue.

Finally the reserves are substantial enough to allow the preschool to continue to be able to pay staff wages in the event of unexpected nature such as previous Covid closures.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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.

Income for the year was £71,306 but expenditure was £72,670 which unfortunately means we did finish the year with just over one thousand pound deficit. This was mainly down to minimum wage increases and a delay in paying the previous years rent meaning we have paid two years rent within one financial year. The previous year (22-23) saw us with a healthy reserve in our current account so this slight deficit was easily covered and we have not had to dip into our reserves. We are confident that we will maintain high numbers of children attending the setting and that this deficit was a one-off occurrence and we will closely monitor the income/expenditure to ensure we take steps to prevent it from happening during the next financial year.

As previously mentioned we have had some significant expenditure, in the form of a willow arch to enrich our outdoor area and some more balance bikes to aid gross motor skills

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>KGadsby</i>	
Full name(s)	Miss Kelly Gadsby	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	20/06/2025	

For the year ended 31 August 2024

	2024	2023	2022
Receipts			
FEES/FUNDING	£ 69,640.00	£ 65,840.12	£ 56,733.90
Fundraising	£ 1,465.57	£ 1,212.03	£ 1,845.04
Donations			£ 10.00
Other receipts			£ 112.50
Interest from deposit account	£ 200.57	£ 19.45	£ 1.84
Total Receipts	£ 71,306.14	£ 67,071.60	£ 58,703.28
Payments			
Wages and salaries (inc. pensions)	-£ 55,466.54	-£ 47,180.15	-£ 39,993.17
Rent, utilities etc	-£ 8,065.17	-£ 4,500.99	-£ 889.27
Equipment	-£ 3,105.95	-£ 719.50	-£ 1,376.30
sundries	-£ 833.65		£ 689.83
Courses	-£ 194.00		
Other payments	-£ 5,005.16	-£ 4,168.25	-£ 2,923.86
Total Payments	-£ 72,670.47	-£ 56,568.89	-£ 45,872.43
Net of Receipts/(Payments)	-£ 1,364.33	£ 9,243.93	£ 12,830.85

Current bank a/c balance b/fwd	16156.90
Income	71105.57
Expenditure	-72670.47
Total	14592.00
Monies transferred to Savings a/c	-1290.13
Current bank a/c balance c/fwd	13301.87
Savings Bank a/c	26510.15
Total of bank accounts current and savings	39812.02

(if any):

Address:

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.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

WELBOURN WONDERBUGS PRE-SCHOOL

On accounts for the year
ended

1/9/23 to 31/8/24

Charity no
(if any)

1044232

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 DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

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:

Jackie Dwane

Date:

24/6/25

Name:

JACKIE DWANE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body