Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	1st	Sep	2024	**To**	31st	Aug	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Wendens Ambo Pre School (CIO)
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1161571

Charity's principal address	Village Hall	
	Royston Rd, Wendens Ambo	
	Saffron Walden	
	Postcode	CB11 4JX

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	Stephen Willmott	Chair		
2	Charlotte Story (Maloney)	Treasurer		
3	Mark Perkins		05-09-22 to 13-03-2025	
4	Pamela Cox		13-03-2025 to present	
5	Lucy Corbett			
6	Sandra Budd		06-12-2024 to 10-07-2025	
7	Laura Maberly		04-11-2024 to present	

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Model CIO Constitution for Childcare Providers 2013 – Pre-school Learning Alliance
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO with voting members other than its charity trustees
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members at committee meeting and captured through committee minutes

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The aims of the Pre-School are to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age by:

(1) promoting their care and safety;
(2) promoting their education and promoting parental involvement;
(3) promoting their health and wellbeing;
(4) providing services to support them and their families and carers;
(5) providing services to individuals holding membership of the CIO; and
(6) furthering the aims 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)

As our charity's aim is to provide early years education for pre-school children we are guided by OFSTED's principles outlined in the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage).

Pre-schoolers learn best when they are engaged in meaningful activities and experiences; our Pre-School setting is arranged with play and learning stations as well as space for sharing and circle time, teacher led activities and quiet/reading time.

The children are immersed in purposeful learning experiences and numerous opportunities are provided to help meet the children's physical, emotional, social and intellectual needs. Playtime and sharing are essential as these enable children to learn from each other and the world around them.

We always consider that each child develops at a different rate and strive to provide a setting that allows all children to feel successful in our safe, secure and supportive learning environment.

We provide this opportunity for children in the local area aged between 2 and 4 years old.

The trustees of the Pre-School are satisfied that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Section D Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Pre-School has been fully subscribed in the current year in relation to staffing ratios and we aim to keep this level of engagement into 2025/26.

We have parents returning to our setting, and whilst we are entering into a more competitive time with more corporate preschools, our unique setting, engaging teaching methods and competitive price point, we feel like we are in a strong position moving into the 2025/26 academic year.

Our main focus will be on keeping child numbers up and replacing the substantial number of children leaving at the end of the summer term 2025.

We continued to develop our reading corner, and leverage our wild garden areas, and to offer our children a range of extra activities, such as yoga, dance, and sports, bringing in external experts to offer these sessions to our children.

Further, in July 2025 we extended our opening hours on Thursdays and Fridays and opening up Thursday sessions to all children (previously only children going to primary school in the next year could attend on Thursdays). This is to reduce the risk of losing potential children to other settings because of the limited hours and Thursday restriction to rising 5's.

To ensure that the 'rising 5s' still received the support they needed to prepare them for school, the preschool adapted its layout and activities to allow teachers to break children into distinct groups where appropriate, and to build activities suitable for all age groups into each session.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The aim of the Pre-School's reserves policy is to maintain sufficient reserves to provide for redundancy and creditors in the unlikely event that the Pre-School has to close, and to be able to weather periods where child numbers are low, especially at the start of the academic year when numbers can be low.

Our target is to have reserves of between three- and six-months running costs (currently £25,500 to £51,000).

As at the end of this financial year we have reserves of £38,372, after a £9,121 surplus.

This places us in the middle of our target reserve level, and well placed.

Once we have sufficient reserves, any available funds over and above our target reserves will be discussed at committee meetings and reinvested as appropriate on improving facilities and experiences for our children, improving equipment and resources and on staff training and support.

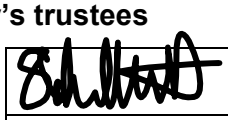
With this in mind, the trustees consider the pre-school to be in a healthy position for the 2025/26 financial year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit	n/a

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		Cmaloney
Full name(s)	Stephen Willmott	Charlotte Story /maloney
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair, Wendens Ambo Pre-School (CIO) Management Committee	Treasurer
Date	25th April 2026	

Wendens Ambo Pre-School Accounts 2024 - 2025

From 1st September 2024 to August 31st 2025

		Total - Both accounts	Running Totals… Account 1					Running Totals… Account 2				
		Receipts & Payments	AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER	Spreadsheet Totals	Petty Cash	AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER	Spreadsheet Totals	Petty Cash
Receipts		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Donations/Commission	**£11.00**	£8.50	£2.50	£0.00	£11.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Grants	**£516.60**	£0.00	£0.00	£516.60	£516.60		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Fundraising	**£451.51**	£115.42	£110.84	£225.25	£451.51		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Funding	**£80,456.37**	£26,232.43	£39,303.52	£14,920.42	£80,456.37		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Deposits	**£50.00**	£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Fees	**£27,044.85**	£10,729.45	£8,639.60	£7,675.80	£27,044.85		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Uniform	**Err:507**	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		Err:507	Err:507	£0.00	£0.00	
	Other	**£250.12**	£0.00	Err:507	£142.12	£250.12		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Interest	**£0.00**	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Snack	**£0.00**	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Parent Contribution to Trips	**£526.50**	£359.50	£0.00	£167.00	£526.50		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Transfer in	**£1,970.00**	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£870.00	£600.00	£500.00	£1,970.00	
Total Receipts		**£111,276.95**	£37,495.30	£48,164.46	£23,647.19	£109,306.95	£0.00	£870.00	£600.00	£500.00	£1,970.00	£0.00
Expenditure			£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Permanent Wages	**£61,419.88**	£17,669.49	£21,841.24	£21,909.15	£61,419.88		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Casual Wages	**£8,418.53**	£3,740.13	£2,232.00	£2,446.40	£8,418.53		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Pension	**£4,316.01**	£1,708.58	£683.96	£1,923.47	£4,316.01		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Stationery & Resources	**£3,021.00**	£586.50	£1,013.18	£994.87	£2,594.55	£0.00	£101.37	£104.97	£220.11	£426.45	
	Toys & Equipment	**£339.99**	£41.50	£0.00	£24.99	£66.49		£175.50	£73.00	£25.00	£273.50	
	Entertainment & Gifts	**£237.60**	£12.00	£170.00	£21.95	£203.95	£0.00	£33.65	£0.00	£0.00	£33.65	
	Photo Printing	**£9.90**	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£9.90	£9.90	
	Health and Safety	**£150.82**	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£63.44	£53.67	£33.71	£150.82	
	Snack	**£391.51**	£0.00	£0.00	£6.99	£6.99		£136.30	£173.48	£74.74	£384.52	
	Books	**£75.37**	£9.45	£14.70	£0.00	£24.15		£15.26	£6.99	£28.97	£51.22	
	Fundraising Expenses	**£24.72**	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£24.72	£0.00	£0.00	£24.72	
	Advertising	**£363.80**	£0.00	£89.00	£210.00	£299.00		£0.00	£64.80	£0.00	£64.80	
	Rent	**£4,262.50**	£1,425.00	£1,412.50	£1,425.00	£4,262.50		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	PAYE & NI	**£5,189.81**	£2,393.31	£1,277.35	£1,519.15	£5,189.81		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Staffing Cost	**£518.50**	£25.00	£66.00	£338.50	£429.50		£89.00	£0.00	£0.00	£89.00	
	Uniforms	**£0.00**	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Training	**£58.59**	£8.59	£0.00	£0.00	£8.59		£0.00	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	
	Mileage	**£0.00**	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Administration Fees & Subscriptions	**£4,523.15**	£854.56	£2,533.84	£899.57	£4,287.97	£0.00	£235.18	£0.00	£0.00	£235.18	
	Trips (Cost to pre school)	**£779.50**	£50.00	£512.50	£217.00	£779.50		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Grant Spending	**£4,834.83**	£3,693.79	£712.16	£294.00	£4,699.95		£0.00	£134.88	£0.00	£134.88	
	Insurance	**£1,105.86**	£200.00	£905.86	£0.00	£1,105.86		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Milk	**£343.71**	£0.00	£343.71	£0.00	£343.71		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Parent Contribution to Trips	**£0.00**	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Transfer Out	**£1,770.00**	£670.00	£600.00	£500.00	£1,770.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Total Expenditure		**£102,155.58**	£33,087.90	£34,408.00	£32,731.04	£100,226.94	£0.00	£874.42	£661.79	£392.43	£1,928.64	£0.00
Surplus / (Deficit) for period		**£9,121.37**				£9,080.01	£0.00				£41.36	

Cash at Bank			Current Account
OLD Account	Sunday, September 01, 2024	**£29,292.11**	£29,292.11
New Account			
	New Bank account September 01, 2024	**£170.30**	£170.30
	Movement	**£9,121.37**	£9,121.37
	Saturday, August 30, 2025	**£38,372.13**	£38,583.78

Debtors		
Outstanding Invoices		
Outstanding Funding		
Milk Claim		
Prepaid Expenses		
Total Debtors		
Total Assets		
Creditors		
Total Liabilities	£0.00	
Net Assets		
Retained Earnings		
Transfer From P&L		
Carried Forward		

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	Wendens Ambo Pre-School (CIO)		
On accounts for the year ended	31 August 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1161571
Set out on pages	1 to 5		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2025**

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.

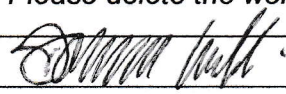
Independent examiner's statement

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:		**Date:**	22/05/2026
Name:	Mr Dominic Edward Crabb ACA		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales		
Address:	Hampit House Hampit Road Arkesden, CB11 4HJ		