REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE005852 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1164820

Knights Lowe
Chartered Accountants & Business Advisers

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2026

for

Southgate Pre-School

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2026

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The charity's principal aims are to enhance the education and development of children under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children by offering appropriate play, education and care facilities.

Public Benefit

The Trustees consider that they have complied with the duty regarding Public Benefit as detailed in section 4 of the Charities Act, having due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission. In fulfilling our charitable object, pursuing the activities described in more detail in this report, we provide public benefit.

We deliver our objects by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children by offering appropriate play, education and care facilities. The right of parents to take responsibility for and become involved in these activities are acknowledged and encouraged and the group offers these opportunities to all children in the local area whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable Activities

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation was set up to take forward the work of a Pre-School that operated as an unincorporated charity (Registered with the Charity Commission 1033144) which is well established in its purpose-built premises. It provides 10 half day sessions and a lunch club on weekdays.

The Committee and senior staff continue to review and update policies, liaising with Suffolk County Council (SCC) to continually develop its performance.

The Pre-school had an Ofsted inspection in June (2025) and we were pleased to be upgraded to "good" in all areas: quality of education; behaviour and attitudes; personal development and leadership and management. The report highlighted the "warm, welcoming and inclusive environment" and the "high expectations staff have for children's independence, resilience and confidence". Staff are continuing to work on a training and development plan to address areas for improvement including building children's language and communication skills. We receive regular support from the Suffolk County Council Early Year's advisor to improve the setting to the benefit of the children attending.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position

The charity receives most of its funding from Early Years grant funding and session fees, however to cover any temporary shortfall in cash flow that may occur due to timing of receipts, a moderate balance is retained on bank deposit.

The charity has a designated account for redundancy reserves which is topped up each year dependent on staff year's of service. This is a separate account to cover the costs of staff redundancy should these arise.

The Charity's constitution does not convey investment powers; all surplus funds are held in one or more bank deposit accounts.

The charity has a separate fundraising account where money raised through fundraising activities is deposited and in consultation with staff and committee this is used for resources and activities to benefit all the children.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed according to the Constitution dated 11 th December 2015. It was established to take forward the work of the Unincorporated registered charity number 1164820.

The overall management and control of the Pre-school rests with the individual members of the Pre-school's management committee. Committee members are also the charity trustees of the Pre-school.

The Committee meets every half-term and requires the presence of at least half of its members to form a quorum. All business is decided by a simple majority, each committee member having one vote. In the event of a tie, the Chair has the casting vote.

Recruitment and Appointment of New Trustees

The Committee (trustees) is elected from the charity's membership at each Annual General Meeting and serves for a minimum term of one year. Committee members may be re-elected for up to maximum of ten years. The Committee comprises a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 12. In addition the Committee may co-opt up to 3 further members who stand until the next AGM.

There are currently 4 Committee members (trustees).

Voluntary staff

The charity benefits from the services provided by volunteers. Voluntary help is not valued for the purposes of the financial statements.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees have in place policies addressing the main operational risk areas including health and safety and safeguarding and they aim to use best practice in these areas. An appropriate level of insurance is maintained to help mitigate the main financial risks.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
CE005852 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1164820

Registered office
Steward Road
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Suffolk
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Trustees
S Charlton
F Morrish
K Conway
S Durrell

Company Secretary

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
Independent Examiner
J. Knights ACA, BSc
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by::

.....
S Charlton - Trustee

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

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Southgate Pre-School ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

J. Knights ACA, BSc

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Date: .....

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Charitable activities					
Operation of pre-school		225,490	-	225,490	210,572
Other trading activities	2	-	-	-	1,002
Investment income	3	103	-	103	148
Total		225,593	-	225,593	211,722
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		549	-	549	487
Charitable activities					
Operation of pre-school		216,620	-	216,620	209,583
Total		217,169	-	217,169	210,070
NET INCOME		8,424	-	8,424	1,652
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		45,725	-	45,725	44,073
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		54,149	-	54,149	45,725

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 August 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	1,304	-	1,304	1,412
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	9	262	-	262	401
Debtors	10	2,434	-	2,434	1,833
Cash at bank		54,659	-	54,659	48,339
		57,355	-	57,355	50,573
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(4,510)	-	(4,510)	(6,260)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		52,845	-	52,845	44,313
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		54,149	-	54,149	45,725
NET ASSETS		54,149	-	54,149	45,725
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				54,149	45,725
TOTAL FUNDS				54,149	45,725

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2026.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2026 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

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S Charlton - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to Property - 4 years straight line
Fixtures and Fittings - 4 years straight line
Computer Equipment - 3 years straight line

Stocks
Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Going concern
The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Fundraising events	-	1,002

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2026	2025
	£	£
Deposit account interest	103	148

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2026	2025
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	958	1,234

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2026 nor for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2026 nor for the year ended 31 August 2025.

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2026	2025
Teaching/ Administration	11	10

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. GUARANTEES AND SECURED DEBTS

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 September 2025	5	3,050	4,706	7,761
Additions	-	-	850	850
At 31 August 2026	5	3,050	5,556	8,611
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2025	5	2,131	4,213	6,349
Charge for year	-	762	196	958
At 31 August 2026	5	2,893	4,409	7,307
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2026	-	157	1,147	1,304
At 31 August 2025	-	919	493	1,412

9. STOCKS

	2026 £	2025 £
Stocks	262	401

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026 £	2025 £
Prepayments	2,434	1,833

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026 £	2025 £
Trade creditors	199	932
Social security and other taxes	1,242	2,532
Other creditors	3,069	2,796
	4,510	6,260

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.25 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.26 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	45,725	8,424	54,149
TOTAL FUNDS	45,725	8,424	54,149

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	225,593	(217,169)	8,424
TOTAL FUNDS	225,593	(217,169)	8,424

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.25 £
Unrestricted fund	44,073	1,652	45,725
TOTAL FUNDS	44,073	1,652	45,725

Comparative net movement in funds included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted fund	211,722	(210,070)	1,652
TOTAL FUNDS	211,722	(210,070)	1,652

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.26
	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund	44,073	10,076	54,149
TOTAL FUNDS	44,073	10,076	54,149

Net movement in funds included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund	437,315	(427,239)	10,076
TOTAL FUNDS	437,315	(427,239)	10,076

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2026.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	-	1,002
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	103	148
Charitable activities		
Pre-school Fees	7,254	18,463
Sales of Clothing	-	181
Funding & Grants	218,236	191,928
	225,490	210,572
Total incoming resources	225,593	211,722
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Opening stock	401	352
Purchase of Uniforms	410	536
Closing stock	(262)	(401)
	549	487
Charitable activities		
Wages	162,306	156,827
Social security	5,999	3,435
Pensions	3,932	3,404
Teaching & Playing Equipment	8,321	8,516
Children's entertaining	1,056	1,113
Groceries & Catering	791	856
Staff Training and Courses	854	623
	183,259	174,774
Support costs		
Management		
Rates & Service Charges	9,830	8,044
Insurance	1,669	1,100
Light and heat	3,294	3,384
Telephone	1,940	3,297
Postage, Printing & Stationery	1,382	1,684
Computer Expenses	919	653
Sundries	2,403	1,360
Carried forward	21,437	19,522

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Management		
Brought forward	21,437	19,522
Repairs & Maintenance	1,974	1,527
Staff Welfare and Uniforms	-	124
Cleaning Contract and Costs	3,190	5,756
	26,601	26,929
Other		
Fixtures and fittings	763	763
Computer equipment	196	471
	959	1,234
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	3,024	2,680
Legal and Professional Fees	2,220	3,064
Subscriptions & Licenses	557	902
	5,801	6,646
Total resources expended	217,169	210,070
Net income	8,424	1,652

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