Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	August	2025		31	July	2026

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	St Nicolas School Association
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	290705
Charity's principal address	St. Nicolas C of E Primary School
	Boxhill Walk
	ABINGDON
	Postcode OX14 1HB

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	Rachael Titcombe	Chair	Elected 12/11/2025	Members
2	Helen Mills	Secretary	Elected 12/11/2025	Members
3	Christine Wearne	Treasurer	Elected 12/11/2025	Members
4	Emma George	Co-Treasurer	Elected 12/11/2025 Resigned 10/03/2026	Members
5	Kerry Brown		Resigned 04/03/2026	Members
6	Shelly Sweeney	Chair (previous)	Resigned 01/09/2025	Members
7	Donna O'Dea	Treasurer (previous)	Resigned 12/11/2025	Members
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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)	CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 24TH SEPTEMBER 1980 AS AMENDED 3 OCTOBER 1995 AS AMENDED 12 NOVEMBER 2025
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are elected or re-elected annually by the members at the Annual General Meeting, normally held in the autumn, and hold office until the conclusion of the following 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.

The charity is managed entirely by volunteer trustees.
No trustee received any remuneration or benefit for their services as a trustee. During the year, two trustees were reimbursed a total of £472.23 for out-of-pocket expenses, relating to refreshments and craft materials purchased for fundraising events. In addition, £134.09 was reimbursed to the husband of a trustee for prizes purchased on behalf of the charity for the Summer Fayre. The payment was a reimbursement of expenditure actually incurred, was approved by trustees other than the connected trustee, and was supported by receipts.
The trustees review the charity's activities and financial position regularly throughout the year to ensure funds are applied in furtherance of the charity's objectives and for the benefit of its beneficiaries.
The charity is a member of Parentkind, which provides public liability and personal accident insurance. Fireworks displays are run by a professional contractor, and a lottery licence fee was paid to the local council for raffles.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The object of the association is to advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by:

- Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school
- Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils

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)

During the year, the charity undertook a range of activities for the benefit of pupils and their families. These included organising fundraising events, community activities and second-hand uniform sales, as well as providing financial support for educational resources, library books, enrichment activities and improvements to school facilities. The charity also supported projects benefiting children below statutory school age within the St Nicolas community.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. They consider that the activities undertaken during the year furthered the charity's purposes and benefited pupils, families and the wider school community.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

The Trustees wish to record their sincere gratitude to the dedicated volunteers, including parents, carers, and staff, who generously gave their time in support of SNSA activities and events throughout the year. Their commitment and invaluable contributions have been vital to our ongoing achievements and the successful delivery of our objectives.

We also extend our appreciation to the local business community for their continued generosity, particularly those who donated raffle prizes for our Summer Fayre and Fireworks Night. This local partnership contributes significantly to our fundraising efforts and community engagement.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The St Nicolas School Association (SNSA) continued to advance the education of pupils through fundraising, community engagement and investment in school facilities, resources and activities. Total income was £32,536, made up of £19,536 of unrestricted income from events, uniform sales and donations and a restricted donation of £13,000. Total expenditure was £24,302, giving a surplus of £8,234. Funds carried forward at 31st July 2026 were £16,112 (restricted £4,222; unrestricted £11,890).

During the year, a restricted donation of £13,000 from the St Nicolas Pre-school and Playgroup enabled the SNSA to support improvements to facilities for children below statutory school age within the St Nicolas community. £8,778 was invested in new furniture, fittings and play equipment for the nursery building and outdoor learning environment, helping to improve the nursery environment for younger children. The remaining £4,222 will be carried forward and used for further nursery improvements during the next financial year.

The SNSA also provided funding for projects that directly benefited pupils across the school. This included supporting the replacement and renewal of library books, helping to replace older stock and provide pupils with access to a wider range of reading materials. The SNSA also contributed towards Christmas meals and St Nicholas gifts and provided each year group with funding to purchase items from their wish lists, including books, educational resources and play equipment.

These activities were made possible through a range of fundraising and community events held throughout the year. The annual Fireworks Night provided an enjoyable event for the whole community. Bricks @ St Nic's provided a fun day of LEGO-themed activities, displays and entertainment, including robot battles, for children and families from St Nicolas and neighbouring schools. The Summer Fayre offered a range of activities including fairground games, a bouncy castle, hot food and a visit from the local Fire Brigade.

The SNSA also held two school discos and five second-hand uniform sales. The uniform sales helped families access affordable, good-quality school uniform, reducing costs for parents whilst encouraging the reuse of clothing. A variety of smaller fundraising initiatives throughout the year generated additional income to support the charity's objectives.

SNSA activities provided opportunities for pupils, families, school staff and members of the wider community to come together and support the charity's objectives. Events provided opportunities for children and parents to come together, encouraged volunteer involvement, and fostered a strong sense of community within the school. The charity's activities were delivered almost entirely through the efforts of volunteers, and the trustees are grateful to the many parents, carers, school staff, local businesses and community supporters whose generosity and commitment made these achievements possible.

The SNSA continues to set aside funds towards its contribution to a new adventure playground for the school, which will provide additional opportunities for outdoor play and physical activity for future generations of pupils.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At 31 July 2026, the charity had not adopted a formal reserves policy. The trustees propose to adopt a policy of holding a minimum of £2,000 in unrestricted funds, as a safety net for the costs of fundraising events and as a contingency against unforeseen expenditure or a temporary fall in fundraising income. The trustees will confirm the policy by resolution and will invite members to comment on it at the Annual General Meeting on 21 October 2026. They will review it each year.

At 31 July 2026 the charity held total funds of £16,112, made up of unrestricted funds of £11,890 and restricted funds of £4,222. The restricted funds are the unspent balance of a donation from St Nicolas Pre-School and Playgroup, received for the benefit of children below statutory school age within the St Nicolas community. They are not available for the charity's general purposes.

Unrestricted funds were well above the proposed minimum. The trustees intend to apply funds above that level for the benefit of pupils, in line with the charity's objects and in a timely way, and are considering a contribution towards the proposed adventure playground. No unrestricted funds had been formally designated for any purpose at the year end. The trustees will decide on the size of any contribution once the project's scope, overall cost and the school's own contribution have been confirmed.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

The charity's principal sources of income during the year were fundraising events, second-hand uniform sales, donations and other community fundraising activities. Total income for the year was £32,536, comprising £19,536 of unrestricted income together with a restricted donation of £13,000 from St Nicolas Pre-School and Playgroup.
Total expenditure during the year was £24,302. This included £8,778 of expenditure funded from the restricted donation, which was used to purchase furniture, fittings and play equipment for the nursery building and outdoor learning environment. Other expenditure supported educational resources, library books, year-group wish lists, Christmas activities and other projects that benefited pupils across the school.
The charity recorded a surplus of £8,234 for the year, increasing total funds carried forward to £16,112 at 31 July 2026. The trustees are satisfied that the charity remains in a sound financial position, with sufficient funds available to meet its current commitments and support future projects and activities.

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)	RS Titcombe.	CWearne
Full name(s)	Rachael Titcombe	Christine Wearne
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date 21/10/2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

St Nicolas School Association	290705

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01 August 2025	To	31 July 2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Restricted donation from St Nicolas Pre-school & Playgroup	-	13,000	-	13,000	-
Fundraising events	19,314	-	-	19,314	15,450
Donations	9	-	-	9	-
Matched funding	100	-	-	100	-
Easy Fundraising	113	-	-	113	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	19,536	13,000	-	32,536	15,450
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	19,536	13,000	-	32,536	15,450
A3 Payments					
Nursery furniture, fittings and play equipment funded from restricted donation	-	8,778	-	8,778	-
Cost of fundraising events	7,098	-	-	7,098	15,436
Grants to St Nicolas C of E Primary School	8,162	-	-	8,162	-
Governance and administration costs	264	-	-	264	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,524	8,778	-	24,302	15,436
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	15,524	8,778	-	24,302	15,436
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,012	4,222	-	8,234	14
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,877	-	-	7,877	7,863
Cash funds this year end	11,890	4,222	-	16,112	7,877

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Charity Account	11,890	4,222	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,890	4,222	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Rachael Titcombe (Chair)	21.10.2026
	Christine Wearne (Treasurer)	21/10/26

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	St Nicolas School Association		
On accounts for the year ended	31/07/2026	**Charity no (if any)**	290705
Set out on pages	1-10		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 07/ 2026.

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 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.

Signed:		**Date:**	19/10/2026
Name:	Oliver Stone		

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) Membership Number 1-DKFAKW
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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.