

**St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Charity Number 900344**

Accounts for the Year ended 31 August 2024

St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Year ended 31 August 2024
Trustees Report

The following trustees held office during the year ended 31 August 2024:

Chair	Mrs L Hand
Treasurer	Mr T Winser
Secretary	Mrs N Piper

On the 7th November 2023 the committee resigned and the above trustees were appointed as well as four further committee members.

All trustees have a vested interest in the pre-school as two have children attending during this financial year.

Governance and Management

The charity is an association consisting of three trustees and four further parent lead full committee members with roles encompassing marketing & fundraising. Safeguarding is to be overseen by Pre-school manager Mrs Claire Guile and Deputy manager Miss Lucy Davis with committee support.

Objectives of the charity

At St. Nicholas Pre-School we aim to provide a happy, fun and secure learning experience for our children where their individuality are respected and valued. We will promote all areas of their development through the Early Learning Goals helping them to become more independent in preparation for their transition to primary school. We do this by providing play facilities appropriate to age and development so that Social linguistic, Physical, Creative, Intellectual, and Emotional development may be explored and enhanced. Parents and carers are vital to the setting to achieve these goals and they are always very welcome to stay and help. Parents are encouraged to join their child at St. Nicholas at least once a term to share their experiences.

Provision

Provision is made for up to 26 pupils per session over 10 sessions per week (Monday to Friday) as follows:

Morning session (9am - 12 noon)

Lunch club (12.00pm -
12.30pm)

Afternoon session (12.30pm - 3.30pm)

Chairman's review of performance

It has been another fantastic year for St Nicholas Preschool, thanks to our dedicated and passionate team. I'm pleased to report that we have once again retained 90% of our staff, providing consistency and strength across the setting. Our waiting list remains full, which is a testament to the excellent reputation the preschool holds within our community.

St Nicholas continues to play an important role in village life, including our much-enjoyed participation in the Hust Village Fayre with our popular strawberry stall. This year, we also enhanced our provision with the addition of a new covered outdoor play area -ensuring children have greater opportunities for outdoor learning and play, regardless of the weather.

We undertook essential repairs to our much-loved outdoor castle structure after discovering that a significant amount of the wood had rotted. As the project progressed, it became clear the extent of the damage was greater than initially anticipated, leading to higher repair costs. As a result, we are reporting a small financial loss for the year. Nonetheless, the safety and quality of our outdoor environment remains a top priority.

Claire and the team continue to provide outstanding support for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), including assisting families through the EHCP process. Their dedication makes a real and lasting difference in the lives of many.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to our committed committee members for their continued support and hard work, and my heartfelt gratitude goes to all our preschool staff for their unwavering dedication to St Nicholas Preschool.

Summary of financial results and charitable activity

The Trustees and Committee have invested much time and commitment to improve the environment, reputation and performance of the setting by marketing, raising standards and implementing policies and procedures up to date with current legislation and increasing the head count of children.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have laid the financial statements and trustees report before the members of the committee attending a meeting held on 19th November 2024 and that the financial statements and trustees report were duly approved at the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



30.11.24

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Miss Lucy Hand
Chair

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Date



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	ST NICHOLAS PRE-SCHOOL		
On accounts for the year ended	31 AUGUST 2024	Charity no (if any)	
	Set out on pages		
	<small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 August 2024.

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: *D. Thomas* Date: 21/06/2025

Name: DENISE THOMAS

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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.

NO MATTERS OF CONCERN

St Nicholas Pre-School Playgroup Hurst
Year ended 31 August 2024
Income & Expenditure Account

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income	202,958	184,127
Direct Pre School Costs	9,537	10,552
Other Direct Costs	473	850
Gross Profit	<u>192,948</u>	<u>172,725</u>
Other Income	0	0
Expenditure		
Employee Costs	156,934	138,517
Premises Costs	9,313	9,313
Repairs/Maintenance	25,247	4,978
General Administrative Expenses	5,174	3,680
Advertising, Promotion & Entertainment	45	11
Payroll Bookkeeping	2,530	2,178
Other Expenses	-	100
	<u>199,243</u>	<u>158,777</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>(6,295)</u>	<u>13,948</u>

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Balance Sheet

	2024	2023
Current Assets	£	£
Current Account	1,064	4,933
Savings account	128,989	129,765
Petty cash	-	-
Fees & equipment debtors	130	381
Other debtors	1,000	750
Prepayments	696	664
	<u>131,879</u>	<u>136,493</u>
Current Liabilities		
Trade creditors	518	154
PAYE	-	-
Other creditors	820	1,097
Accruals & deferred income	33,586	31,992
	<u>34,924</u>	<u>33,243</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>96,955</u>	<u>103,250</u>
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Capital Account		
Balance at start of period	103,250	89,302
Net (Deficit)/Surplus	<u>(6,295)</u>	<u>13,948</u>
	<u>96,955</u>	<u>103,250</u>