

St Paul's Beckenham Pre-School – 2025 Report for Church APCM 17th May 2026

The pre-school started 2025 with a new, home-grown, management team. Tracey & Manuela became manager and deputy respectively, we took on new recruits during the year and now have a core team of 5 full-time staff members, and two Inclusion Practitioners who provide extra support for additional needs children.

The pre-school continues to exemplify the core founding principle to provide a service to local families which has continued for more than 40 years. In recent years public sector provision for under 5's has been decimated and large corporate nurseries have entered the sector. But St Paul's Pre-school has continued to provide an affordable service, contributing to the community by being an inclusive community provision, caring for all children and their needs.

Over the year children from more than 40 families have flourished under the care of the dedicated and compassionate team, enjoying the early morning outside energising sessions, structured play times, story-telling, art & craft activities, ball games, seasonal themes, parties, sports day, nativity, Experience Easter & Christmas, the list could go on.

The pre-school has always retained its charitable status and is supported by a team of trustees including two ex-parents. During the year a small campaign led to the recruitment of 2 new trustees from within the church membership and we welcome Liz Ballaster as Committee Secretary and David Holmes as Treasurer, joining Keith Howick and Liz Spencer (Chair of Trustees) as church representatives.