

St Aidan's Babes & Tots (SC011000): Trustees Annual Report 2026

We are a baby and toddler group catering for pre-school children in general but mainly those under three years old (pre-nursery). Children must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them at all times.

We supply valuable friendship and support for the parents, grandparents and carers that bring children to the group. We provide opportunities for young children to develop and socialise. There is a good selection of toys for the children and babies with free play the general ethos. We provide a variety of crafts (painting, drawing, gluing) and messy play activities (dough and tactile play). We usually end each session with a short sing song and a run about.

The adults who attend the group are responsible for setting up and putting away the toys and equipment. Generally, everybody helps and this makes the group a friendly and supportive place to come. Many of the adults have good ideas for activities and we incorporate them where possible. We usually do craft activities themed around Christmas, Halloween and Easter.

We have continued to run two sessions a week with adults signed up to either the Monday or the Thursday group. We continue to sign up for a month at a time and pay by bank transfer. Numbers attending were slightly lower this year than last year and we will aim to advertise more on social media.

We usually continue to meet in school holidays providing friendship and support for families at a time when many other activities stop.

Our fees are set to cover hall rent, insurance and Early Years Scotland membership. We had a slight excess of expenditure over income for the year. Our reserves are sufficient to absorb this loss but, to avoid future losses, at the AGM it was agreed to increase our fees to £12 per calendar month for adults with one child and to £16 pcm for adults who bring two or three children. We will continue to publicise the group to attract new members. Due to the nature of the group many members come for a year or less so constant recruitment is required.

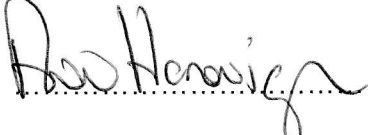
At the AGM (18th May) Sarah Dinsdale-Young, Maria Thomson, Andrew Harvey and Ann Hannigan were appointed as Trustees. Laura Rance stood down as Trustee in summer 2025

Policy on reserves

We aim to have reserves of £700 (two months' rent plus money for insurance). Our reserves fell to £555 at the start of the financial year but we will build them up again in the coming months.

Our bank account fluctuates between about £600 when the rent has just been paid (in advance) and about £1700 when it is next due. Our fees are set to cover hall rent, insurance, Early Years membership and a small amount to buy art and craft materials and replace equipment as it ages.

Signed by trustees:

 Sarah Dinsdale-Young Date... 13/8/26
 Ann Hannigan Date... 13/8/26