

Preston Tots playgroup annual report 2024/2025

Preston Tots playgroup has continued to see strong momentum over the last year, with continued growth in both attendees (161 or 20%) and income (up £833 or 61%) which also reflects the increase in the cost of attendance from £2 to £3. This improvement has meant that we have been able to cover our hall hire costs for the first time, contributing £1,260 over the last year.

We have held regular committee meetings attended by a great core group of volunteers. Here we have been able to plan and review playgroup activities and fundraising events, promotion and social media, and present quarterly financial reports. We have also had several social events for the adults at the Half Moon and Salma.

As you will see in the financial summary, Preston Tots playgroup ran 40 sessions over the last year (the same as 2023/24), attracting 955 visitors (average 24 per week compared to 20 in the prior year). Our Facebook group now has 321 members. Continuing with our fundraising strategy we have run a larger spring fair and several smaller sales this year, open to all, as well as organising the raffle at Preston Summerfest. All of this means that we can now proudly say we are self-funding. Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the last couple of years to get to this point, including the Parish Council.

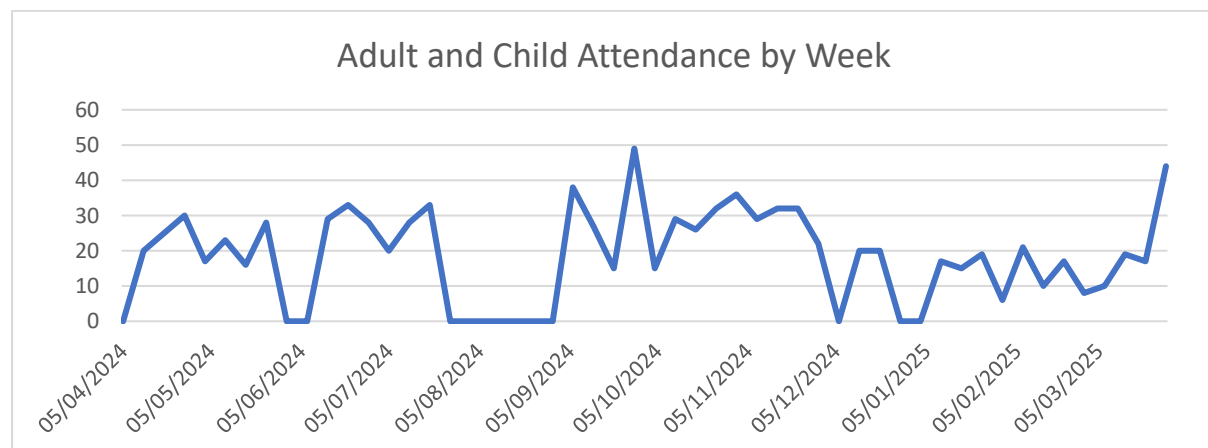
Preston Tots is not only of utmost importance to help children to learn, play and socialise but also to support their parents and carers, and our volunteers, in difficult times. We will aim to continue to be a valuable dynamic and supportive community group to the village and surrounding areas in the year ahead.

Preston Tots playgroup financial summary year to March 2025

	12 months Mar-25	12 months Mar-24	12 months Mar-23
Profit and loss account			
Subscription	1,172	753.3	340.5
Christmas Party	-	400.4	0.0
May fair	522	0.0	0.0
Activity morning	-	0.0	535.0
Raffle	13	12.0	0.0
Summerfest	307	0.0	0.0
Boot fair	52		
Toy Sale	116	153.8	97.2
Book Sale	19	31.0	0.0
Cake Sale	-	17.2	0.0
Total income	2,200.4	1,367.7	972.7
Hall Hire	-1260.0	- 30.0	- 142.0
Refreshments	-27.9	- 40.5	- 155.9
Crafts	-8.6	- 60.5	- 60.7
Gambling license	-20.0	- 60.0	-
PA System	-100.0	-	-
Other	-252.7	- 111.9	- 26.5
May fair	-137.0	-	-
Total expenditure	- 1,806.1	- 303.0	- 385.1
Profit	394.3	1,064.8	587.6
Profit excluding Hall hire	1,654.3	1,094.8	729.6

# of Adults	435	368
# of Children	520	426
# sessions	40	40

Average people per week	24	20
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- Overall income was £2,200, an increase of £833 or 61%. This was partly driven by the increase in the weekly attendance fee from £2 to £3. We also continued to hold successful events with the May Fair generating £522, our attendance at Summerfest £307 and £187 through our Toy and Book fairs.
- Overall expenditure (excluding Hall hire costs) was £546. Our biggest expenditure was on a PA system (£100), the costs of the May Fair (£137) and £60 for the cost of a Beautician at our March event.
- Total profit for the year was £394, down on the £1,065 last year. However, we directly paid for hall hire for the first time this year (£1,260) which means that Preston Tots is now self-funding. Excluding Hall Hire, Profit was £1,654, up £560 on the prior year.
- At 31 March 2025, total cash held by Preston Tots was £2,123.