Balance Sheet

GPUK

As at 31 December 2025

	31 DEC 2025	31 DEC 2024	31 DEC 2023	31 DEC 2022
Current Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand				
CAF Cash Account	4,972.05	3,694.24	3,264.23	2,099.18
CAF Gold Account	45,813.14	48,827.30	37,844.94	38,132.45
Total Cash at bank and in hand	**50,785.19**	**52,521.54**	**41,109.17**	**40,231.63**
615 - Trade Debtors	-	-	38.00	217.49
620 - Prepayments	312.59	765.19	212.48	563.31
Total Current Assets	**51,097.78**	**53,286.73**	**41,359.65**	**41,012.43**
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
800 - Accounts Payable	786.64	348.14	457.71	3,642.59
805 - Accruals	9,503.52	13,411.79	3,061.50	997.50
806 - Accrued Liability: Trainer Fees	84.00	80.00	117.30	-
810 - Income in Advance	882.62	882.62	882.62	2,139.00
840 - Historical Adjustment	-	-	(59.95)	(59.95)
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**11,256.78**	**14,722.55**	**4,459.18**	**6,719.14**
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	**39,841.00**	**38,564.18**	**36,900.47**	**34,293.29**
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	**39,841.00**	**38,564.18**	**36,900.47**	**34,293.29**
Net Assets	**39,841.00**	**38,564.18**	**36,900.47**	**34,293.29**
Capital and Reserves				
960 - Retained Earnings	38,564.18	36,840.52	34,293.29	33,700.74
Current Year Earnings	1,276.82	1,723.66	2,607.18	592.55
Total Capital and Reserves	**39,841.00**	**38,564.18**	**36,900.47**	**34,293.29**

Profit and Loss

GPUK

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Turnover		
210 - Sales: Course - Online Introduction	2,720.00	1,900.00
220 - Sales: Course - F2F Introduction	200.00	1,000.00
226 - Sales: Course - Hybrid	1,250.00	-
230 - Sales: Course - F2F Core	21,024.96	13,228.00
240 - Sales: Course - Outsourced	2,870.70	600.00
250 - Sales: Conference	-	6,055.45
Total Turnover	**28,065.66**	**22,783.45**
Cost of Sales		
330 - CoS: Course - Online Introduction	300.00	300.00
340 - CoS: Course - F2F Introduction	150.00	692.49
346 - CoS: Course - Hybrid	500.00	-
350 - CoS: Course - F2F Core	15,887.22	11,085.73
360 - CoS: Course - Outsourced	1,972.86	-
370 - CoS: Conference	-	3,221.17
Total Cost of Sales	**18,810.08**	**15,299.39**
Gross Profit	**9,255.58**	**7,484.06**
Administrative Costs		
390 - Trustee/Trainer Meeting	631.30	344.66
398 - Resource Development	337.81	365.39
400 - Advertising, Marketing & PR	50.00	233.23
401 - Magazine	400.00	800.00
402 - Administrator Fees	5,992.83	4,107.06
403 - Accountancy (& Audit) Fees	1,432.04	896.49
404 - CAF Bank Charges & Interest	60.00	60.00
406 - Stripe Fees	255.44	267.32
408 - Paypal Fees	-	14.29
409 - CAF Donate - DD Admin Charge	6.00	6.00
410 - CAF Donate - DD Donation Charge	68.90	65.48
411 - CAF Donate - Gift Aid Charge	10.79	9.47
418 - Charitable Donations	500.00	500.00
425 - Postage, Freight & Courier	15.90	16.94
429 - General Expenses	-	18.99
433 - Insurance	442.27	442.28
442 - Compliance Expenses	150.00	-
458 - Gifts to Volunteers etc	430.00	74.94
462 - Stationery	420.03	76.32
463 - IT: Software	789.26	644.86
475 - Recruitment Expenses	30.00	-
478 - Lead Trainer Fees	1,092.00	2,444.88

	2025	2024
485 - Subscriptions	40.50	35.00
494 - Travel - European Conference	-	404.91
646 - IT: Website	133.60	94.60
Total Administrative Costs	**13,288.67**	**11,923.11**
Operating Profit	**(4,033.09)**	**(4,439.05)**
Other Income		
142 - Donations: BACS	-	1,000.00
144 - Donations: DD	360.00	360.00
150 - GIFT AID	582.50	465.00
180 - Membership	3,372.50	3,336.25
270 - Interest Income	994.91	1,001.46
Total Other Income	**5,309.91**	**6,162.71**
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	**1,276.82**	**1,723.66**
Profit after Taxation	**1,276.82**	**1,723.66**

Godly Play UK

Charity number: 1116846 TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Activities - how the charity spends its money

Godly Play UK is a Christian movement centred on childhood spirituality providing training, advice and support for those who use the Godly Play method to transform thinking and practice for the whole of life.

Income and expenditure

Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet for financial year ending 31 December 2025 attached.

People

Employees with total benefits over £60,000: GPUK has no employees.

There were 7 Trustees during 2025. One Trustee resigned and one was recruited.

There were 14 Trainers contracted to deliver GPUK training, supported by a number of local Advocates.

A freelance administrator and a freelance bookkeeper are contracted to support the organisation and submit monthly invoices.

Fundraising

This charity raises funds from the public but does not work with professional fundraisers or commercial participators.

Trading

This charity does not have any trading subsidiaries.

Trustee payments

No Trustees receive any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity.

What the charity does

Religious Activities

Who the charity helps

Children, young people and adults

How the charity helps

Provides services

Where the charity operates

Throughout England and Wales

Registration history

16 November 2006: Registered

Organisation type
Trust

Other names
No other names

Gift aid
Recognised by HMRC for gift aid

Other regulators
No information available

Policies
Risk management: Risk Register updated October 2024
Investment: Reserves Policy updated October 2023
Safeguarding vulnerable beneficiaries: Safeguarding Policy and Safeguarding Procedures updated 2025
Conflicting interests: Conflicts of Interest Policy Updated April 2023
Complaints handling: Complaints Policy updated April 2023

Land and property
This charity does not own and/or lease land or property.

Trustees' Annual Report for the period
From 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document
The objects of the Trust are to advance the Christian faith in particular but not so as to limit the generality of the foregoing by means of a method of Christian education and spiritual direction using religious language and symbol to help people become more aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Trust Declaration of Trust establishing Godly Play UK 25 September 2006 Godly Play UK: taking children's spirituality seriously Godly Play is a Christian Movement centred on childhood spirituality – providing training to transform thinking and practice for the whole of life

Vision
Godly Play UK's vision is for childhood spirituality to be taken seriously.

Aims

Godly Play UK is a Christian movement centred on childhood spirituality.

Godly Play recognises childhood spirituality as an instinctive and profound capacity that includes a natural sense of God's mystery and presence.

We provide training, advice and support for those who use the Godly Play method to transform thinking and practice for the whole of life.

Through Godly Play theory and practice, we advocate and provide for better recognition and care of childhood spirituality – a spirituality for life.

Through Godly Play, we promote open, creative ways to explore Christian story and practices, so the art of using spiritual language meaningfully in our lives can be enjoyed at all ages.

Through Godly Play, we offer a well-tested alternative to seeing children as empty vessels, and to the stressful societal cultures of consumerism, measurement and achievement.

The Godly Play UK Trust seeks to achieve its aims by:

- providing training advice and support for those who use the Godly Play method, working with the worldwide Godly Play community;
- working with others: churches, schools, denominations, community groups, training colleges;
- raising awareness of the vision and values of Godly Play practice;
- seeking to apply GP process and principles to the work of the organisation.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts

The Trustees met formally and virtually four times, with other subgroups working between these meetings to enable progress on specific areas of work.

Godly Play UK had 14 Trainers during 2025 who provided:

- Ten 3-day core courses with a total of 114 participants (one of these was for the United Reformed Church and one was for the Catholic Education Service)
- One hybrid face-to-face and online course with a total of 12 participants
- Six online introduction courses, each consisting of four 90-minute sessions, with a total of 53 participants.

In addition to the events listed above, trainers have been involved in the following activities:

- Lead trainer group
- Developing and editing the bi-annual E-magazine
- Supporting advocates for Godly Play
- Supporting the Associates of Godly Play
- Developing Welsh language materials
- Equity group

- Resources Development group
- Finance Committee
- Liaising with the US Godly Play Foundation

There are informal networks supporting those involved in Godly Play across the country which are supported by the Trainers and Advocates, but not all areas of the UK are covered by these. There is also a very active Godly Play Facebook group which is supported by the Trainers and Trustees.

The Trainers are remunerated by the Trust for the work they do on 3-day face-to-face courses and on online introductory courses. Otherwise, the Trainers offer the bulk of their time on a voluntary basis. They also work directly with schools and churches to provide individual bespoke training sessions for which they are remunerated directly by the commissioner.

The Trust was tasked with identifying a new supplier for the materials required for Godly Play storytelling, and to this end a mutual agreement was signed with Jennyruth Workshops (https://www.jennyruth.co.uk/) on 12 February 2025 to fulfil this requirement.

Statement confirming whether the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

The Charity has due regard to the Charity Guidance on Public Benefit.

Policy on grant making

Godly Play UK will make 10% of its annual gains available to subsidise the cost of attending one of its 3-day training courses. Bursaries are also available from the Associates' Fund which holds monies gifted by Associates of Godly Play UK. Conditions for bursaries are that applicants must come from a situation where resources are under pressure; joint funding with other bodies is preferable; areas where Godly Play is not yet established are a particular area of interest; applicants who have a plan for use of their learning are preferred. Applications are in writing to the Chair who will seek references. Applications are considered by all the Trustees and decisions made by the Board. Four bursaries were awarded in 2025.

Policy on social investment including programme related investment

The social impact of GPUK is the support it provides to individuals to enrich their lives.
The core training by a small group of Trainers enables those who have received this training to go out into churches, schools and other settings to work with a wider range of people.
The work is supported by our Advocates in their communities and by our Associates who make a modest annual donation which is used to further the aims and reach of GPUK, particularly through the magazine, bursaries and funding for new initiatives.

Contribution made by volunteers

A great deal of the work done by the Trust's Trainers is undertaken on a voluntary basis: for example, many taster sessions of an hour or more; telephone advice to practitioners; advice via the Facebook group; writing articles for the Trust's website and magazine. All the Trustees are volunteers and work not only on governance matters but on the practical day-to-day tasks required to ensure the development of the work.

Other

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

A freelance administrator who had served the Trustees for 19 years resigned during the year and has been replaced by another person, who has also taken on the role of bookkeeper for the organisation.
GPUK has continued to produce the twice-yearly 28-page E-magazine for Associates of Godly Play UK, and this is now sent to all on our mailing lists. It is also freely available on the website.
The uptake of online Introductions to Godly Play has enabled GPUK to continue to reach out to new participants since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Regional network groups meet face-to-face and online.
A partnership with the Catholic Education Service has been successfully undertaken supporting Catholic schools.

Achievements against objectives set

The Trust has continued to offer its three-day core training offer during 2025 and four participants received bursaries to enable their participation.

Online courses consisting of four 90-minute sessions have been delivered through the year.

A research project with the Catholic Education Service was established, including the delivery of a core training course for 12 teachers in Roman Catholic schools.

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set

The Associates scheme of annual donations has continued successfully.
There have been a small number of other donations.

Investment performance against objectives

The Trust takes a cautious approach to investment in line with our Reserves Policy. GPUK reserves should be placed so that they achieve a competitive rate of interest but

- should be held in an ethical fund
- should be held in a secure fund with minimal risk
- placement of the reserves should be approved by the Trustees

As such, returns on investment are small.

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

The Trust holds reserves of £39,841 built up over a number of years.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

The reserve will be used to further the objects and reach of Godly Play's charitable objects. The Trustees actively consider requests for funding to this end.

Amount of reserves held

£39,841 built up over a number of years

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)

The principal sources of funding are:

- Course fees – from online and face-to-face courses
- Associates' fund
- Donations

Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted

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A description of the principal risks facing the charity

The Trust maintains a Risk Register which covers all aspects of risk. The Register is reviewed each year by the Trustees.

The risks ensuing from a future pandemic have to some extent been mitigated by the development of online resources.

The Trust is aware of its reliance on a small number of Trustees and there is an ongoing drive to recruit more Trustees and increase the Trainer body.

Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)

Declaration of Trust establishing Godly Play UK 25 September 2006

How is the charity constituted?

Unincorporated organisation

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more Trustees

Trustees are approached on the basis of reputation and experience. GPUK welcomes Trustees from all backgrounds. A recruitment pack is available on the website. Diversification of the Trustee body is a key aim.

A recruitment process involving an application form and references is undertaken before potential candidates are invited to meet with other Trustees and gain an understanding of working practices before they agree to become a Trustee. Potential Trustees are invited to observe a board meeting before applying. A formal application is then considered by the trust board. If approved a new Trustee signs a Fit and Proper Person's declaration and the Charity Commission's Trustee Eligibility Declaration form.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

The Trust has an Induction process carried out by the Chair of Trustees involving, for those without a background in Godly Play, an exposure to Godly Play values. All new Trustees receive details of financial background and accounts, previous minutes and policies.

New Trustees are invited to join a sub-committee where appropriate.

New Trustees are invited to observe GPUK training.

Trustees have an opportunity to meet and work with the Trainers at the annual Trustee and Trainer get-together.

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works

The Trust manages the business of the organisation.

The Trust outsources some administrative and financial functions such as administration, accounts and website development.

The Trustees meet quarterly along with the freelance administrator who provides updates on the day-to-day running of the charity. The Trustees review its work and ensure it is in line with the charity's objectives.

The Lead Trainer group, consisting of four trainers, plus the Chair of Trustees and the freelance administrator, meet regularly to review progress and plan developments.

The Finance Committee is made up of the Chair of Trustees, one Trustee, one Trainer and the freelance administrator/ bookkeeper. They meet regularly to discuss the financial position of the charity and make recommendations for the Trustees regarding financial decisions.

The Trainers are a self-supporting college who hold online meetings with each other about a variety of issues. The customary annual meeting of Trustees and Trainers took place for one day in October 2025.

Relationship with any related parties

United Reformed Church

The Catholic Education Service (Godly Play UK partnered with the Margaret Beaufort Institute to undertake a research project on the use of Godly Play in Roman Catholic Schools for the Catholic Education Service. This was facilitated by a grant from The sisters of the Holy Cross.)

A mutual agreement was signed with Jennyruth Workshops 12 February 2025
https://www.jennyruth.co.uk/

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Godly Play UK		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1116846
Set out on pages			

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2025**

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:	DGWerry	**Date:**	20/8/2026
Name:	David Geoffrey Werry		
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