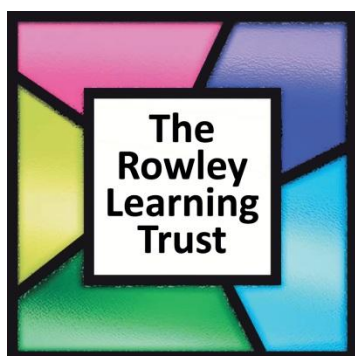




The Rowley
Learning
Trust(A Company
Limited by
Guarantee) Report
of the Directors
and Unaudited
Financial
Statements

For the Year Ended

31st March 2026

'The Rowley Learning Trust is an aspirational, ethical partnership, with the shared values of promoting enjoyment and enrichment for all our community to enable learners to benefit from high quality teaching and learning. Inclusion and respect are at the heart of all we do'

**Annual
Report**

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'RLT, where aspirations are nurtured into reality'

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Legal and Administrative Information

Company Registration Number: 08124820 (England and Wales)

Number:

VAT Registration Number: 206699091

Registered Office: Old Hill Primary School
Lawrence Lane,
Cradley Heath,
West Midlands
B64 6DR 8HS

Directors: Sandra Polito (Brickhouse Primary School)
Amy Blunt (Brickhouse Primary School)
Craig Westby (Old Hill Primary School)
Alison Bhardwaj (Springfield Primary School)
Rachel Rogers (Springfield Primary School)
Karen Shaw (Springfield Primary School)
Anitia Van Straaten (Temple Meadow Primary School)

Bank: Co-operative Bank
Southway
Skelmersdale
WN8 6NY

Solicitors: Knightstone Legal
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Halesowen,
West Midlands
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The Rowley Learning Trust

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Directors' Report for the year ended 31st March 2026

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Rowley Learning Trust is a company limited by guarantee; the company was registered on 29th June 2012. The Trust was set up to contribute to the advancement of education and raise standards through the creation of a platform for on-going improvement. The resources and expertise brought by the Trust by the partners will strengthen strategic leadership, increase support and challenge and consolidate effective monitoring, thereby bringing about rapid improvement in outcomes for students.

The Rowley Learning Trust is a non-profit making organisation without share capital or shareholders. The Trust is funded by contributions from the Trust Schools - Brickhouse Primary School, Old Hill Primary School, Springfield Primary School and Temple Meadow Primary School. Until February 2025 Rowley Hall Primary School was a member of the Trust but left to join the Elliott Foundation.

The day to day organisation of the Trust rests with the Head Teachers and the Board annual meetings to ensure services are delivered and objectives met.

Risk Management

Directors, with appropriate advice from consultants, solicitors and the local authority, have assessed the major financial and physical risks the Trust is exposed to and continue to monitor the arrangements and systems in place to mitigate these risks.

Objectives and Activities

The Trust principal and only activity is the education of pupils between the ages of 4 and 11. The objective of the Trust is to advance the education of pupils at

the schools and other members of the community and otherwise to benefit the community and to promote community cohesion.

Activities & Collaborative Working – 2025/2026

Collaborative working on administration and Head Teacher liaison have continued throughout 2025/26. No trust activities were held.

School Contributions

There were no school contributions towards the Trust in 2024/25 or 2025/26. The Trust had built up a surplus which exceeded the annual turnover which is considered excessive. The surplus has been used to fund the running costs bringing it down to a more acceptable level. School contributions will recommence in 2026/27.

Directors

The Directors below have held office during 2025/2026:-

Paul Newby (Brickhouse Primary School) resigned on 28th April 2026

Sandra Polito (Brickhouse Primary School)

Amy Blunt (Brickhouse Primary School)

Craig Westby (Old Hill Primary School)

Alison Bhardwaj (Springfield Primary School)

Rachel Rogers (Springfield Primary School)

Karen Shaw (Springfield Primary School)

Anitia Van Straaten (Temple Meadow Primary School)

Matthew Lenton (Temple Meadow Primary School) resigned on 28th April 2026

No salaries, wages or expenses have been paid to the Directors during the year.

Political and Charitable Donations

The Trust did not receive or pay any political or charitable donations for the period reported.

On behalf of the directors

Craig Westby (Chair)

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1st July 2026

Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31st March 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
Income			
Contribution from Schools	2, 3	0	0
Total Income		0	0
Expenditure			
Employees		0	0
Professional Fees	4	500	1,350
Training and Trust Events		0	0
General administration	5	454	454
Total Expenditure		954	1,804
Surplus/(Deficit)		(954)	(1,804)

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank and in Hand		1,489	3,043
Debtor - VAT		0	0
Payments in Advance - Directors Insurance		0	0
Total Assets		1,489	3,043
Current Liabilities			
Creditors		0	600
Total Liabilities		0	0
Net Assets/Liabilities		1,489	2,443
Funds			
Funds b/fwd		2,443	4,247
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		(954)	(1,804)
Funds C/fwd	6	1,489	2,443

Small Companies Provisions - Audit Exemption

For the year ending 31st March 2026 the Trust was entitled to exemption from the audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the Trust to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to the companies subject to the small companies' regime.

On behalf of the directors

Craig Westby (Chair)

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1st July 2026

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st March 2026

1. Accounting Policies

The Trust strictly adheres to the local authority financial regulations. The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

2. Income

No contributions were requested in 2024/25 or 2025/26 to reduce the surplus held by the Trust.

3. VAT

The Trust is not registered for VAT and cannot recover VAT included in any costs incurred.

4. Professional Fees

The professional fees in 2024/25 relate to services provided by Paul Field (£750) and Knightstone Legal (£600). These were higher to deal with the resignation of Rowley Hall Primary School and the assignment of the lease to the Elliott Foundation. In 2025/26 the professional fees all relate to Paul Field (£500)

5. General

General expenditure is mainly the administration service level agreement with Old Hill Primary School (£420) and the annual payment required to Companies House (£34).

6. Funds

The Rowley Learning Trust is a not for profit company limited by guarantee. This does not prevent the Trust making a surplus and the funds will be available to support expenditure in future years.