



Woodlands

Day Nursery
Part of Funcare Limited

Caring and fun for your children



Our vision is to provide the highest quality experiences for children, for carers and for parents.

- We believe in treating all people, little and large with care and respect.
- We believe that happy children should be able to explore their world freely, whilst remaining at all times healthy and safe.
- We believe that each individual child should be able to enjoy and achieve their potential in life through play and laughter.
- We believe that parents are the most important people in their child's life and we value & welcome their knowledge and involvement.
- We believe in open and honest relationships and strive to be positive and flexible in all that we do.

Woodlands Day Nursery is run by Josy & Ian Thompson (Funcare Ltd) together with Kelly Bartle as Manager.

Josy & Ian are local parents who also run PlayAway Day Nursery and before and after school Funclubs at Oatlands Infants, St Peters and Rossett Acre schools.

Kelly Bartle holds a Foundation Degree in Early Years and has many years experience of pre-school childcare and education.



Ian Thompson



Josy Thompson

Our Lovely People



We are very proud to have a highly qualified and experienced team of child carers, a very low staff turnover and we are committed to treating our lovely people well and to on-going training. Over 85% of our team hold childcare qualifications and the rest are working towards them!

Our aim is to have every member of our team:

- Childcare qualified or in training
- First aid qualified
- Trained in basic food hygiene
- Trained in child protection

“The nursery has a warm and welcoming atmosphere with enthusiastic, approachable staff, who work well together as a

team promoting children's welfare and learning.”
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Carers will always be available at the beginning and end of your child's session to exchange information about your child.

All children have designated key people who will monitor your child's development and keep you updated with their progress at regular parent's evenings.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum and records of your child's individual learning journey are kept which follow your child throughout the nursery and then onto their first school!

Baby Rooms:

Stability, cuddles and warmth
(3 months - 18 months)

In our warm and friendly ground floor baby rooms we offer our youngest children a cosy, happy and also stimulating environment. Their time with us is spent exploring and investigating their world, whilst socialising and interacting with other children and adults. We offer a wide variety of interesting activities and toys, which are regularly rotated to keep babies stimulated and learning through exploration. We cater for all their needs, following their own routines and providing a home from home at nursery. Our baby sleep room provides a peaceful sleeping place for all baby room children who need a quiet area for sleep during the day.



We endeavour to work closely with you to ensure that we follow your baby's own routine with regard to sleep patterns, feeding times, comforters and any special requirements. Each baby has a daily diary with a description of their routine for that day which you are free to take home with you.

“The babies begin to explore the world around them through a wide range of experiences including music, sensory activities and arts and crafts. They develop their self-confidence and early communication skills well through quality interactions with staff “ **OFSTED**

Tweenie Rooms:

Action, exploring and building relationships
(Approx 18 months - 3 years)

The tweenies rooms on the first floor offer a new and exciting world to the children, where they have more opportunities to develop and explore using their senses. The rooms provide a safe and friendly base from where the children can engage in new experiences such as baking, role play, creative activities and music & movement. In this age group they learn to be increasingly independent, socialising and interacting with others and gaining confidence. The children can select and choose play, in rooms organised to offer choice with areas for different activities. More independence is gradually encouraged and the tweenies staff team will work closely alongside you and your child when you feel they are ready to start toilet training.

“Warm and caring staff effectively promote positive behaviour, ensuring children receive lots of praise, encouragement and affection. As a result they are well-behaved, have good manners and show a strong sense of security”. **OFSTED**



Pre-School

Rooms:

Early Learning through play and fun (3 - 4 years)



Our annexe caters for our eldest children, where varied and fun activities are planned to follow the development needs and interests of each child. The room is organised into areas, for messy play, mark-making, role play, maths, construction & small world play. A quiet area is partitioned off with folding doors which allows for quiet time and also naps if the children need it during the day. The children move through these areas during the day, where they are invited to participate in various fun activities, including music and singing, dancing, story time, sand and water play, imaginary and imitative play. Pre-school children are introduced to early numeracy and literacy skills, at all times focussing on learning through play. All pre-school children have access to a computer, allowing them the opportunity to develop early IT skills. We operate a 'free-flow' system to the outdoors, as often as we can, allowing children to choose whether to play and learn outdoors or inside. We encourage our children to develop self-confidence and independence by giving them

responsibility for various tasks such as pouring their own drinks, putting on coats etc or preparing snacks.

15 hours per week free for 3 & 4 year olds

As a registered pre-school, we are able to claim for up to 15 hours per week funding from the government for your child. These free hours are term-time only and are available for children in the term AFTER they turn 3 years old.

Please contact us for further details as to how you can use your free hours at our nursery.



Fabulous Outdoors



At Woodlands we are keen for our children to be able to play freely outside whenever possible, giving them the opportunity to be more physically active, and in touch with nature. To that end it is our policy to use our fabulous gardens as much and as often as we can, even if it is raining! We have wellies and rainsuits and like nothing better than to splash around and enjoy ourselves outside.

The spacious and enclosed outdoor area includes:

The Baby & Tweenie Garden: The babies and tweenies use the lovely shady and green play area at the front of the house. The garden offers plenty of space for varied play in a safe and secure environment away from the older children.

The Pre-School Play Area: The pre-school children use their varied and exciting outdoor area throughout the day for activities and adventure. Our large natural wooded and wood chipped area is well equipped for self-discovery, investigation, exploration and construction. When weather permits, we offer all indoor activities outdoors as well, as children are often happier and more ready to learn in an outdoor environment. In addition the children explore nature in more depth by growing their own fruit and vegetables.

As well as using our own play areas our staff teams also ensure that our little ones get as much fresh air as possible by taking them out on short walks in our local area as often as possible, with trips to the Stray to the park or even to the supermarket!

“Staff positively embrace the outdoor learning opportunities for babies and children of all ages and abilities. They have reduced their reliance on manufactured toys and equipment to encourage children to be more adventurous through exploration, investigation and taking safe risks. This in turn promotes their confidence, self esteem and independence. Babies crawl on the grass and explore resources under the willow dome. Toddlers investigate the sand and water, practice their developing walking skills and make marks with paint together on paper. Older children enjoy making marks with water and brushes on the patio and practice writing their names.” OFSTED

Meals

All meals are freshly cooked on the premises by our nursery cook. We pride ourselves on ensuring all snacks and meals are well balanced and nutritious. We serve breakfast from 7.30am - 9am and then provide a hot two course main meal for lunch, a mid afternoon snack and a light tea. We provide babies with the equivalent baby food.

“Children grow their own produce, such as rhubarb, carrots and a herb garden, which significantly promotes their understanding of how to be healthy. Mealtimes are relaxed social occasions where children and staff sit together and enjoy each others company. An extremely healthy and well balanced menu includes a wide range of dishes to develop children's taste for different flavours and textures, whilst experiencing food traditional to other cultures.” **OFSTED**

We can cater for vegetarians and children with special dietary requirements but regretfully not for vegans.

Our menu changes weekly on a four week rotation, it is updated regularly and copies can be seen on each room's notice board.



Menus are planned with a strong emphasis on healthy eating and to ensure good eating habits are set from an early age. We aim to provide the majority of your child's recommended daily intake of fruit and vegetables.

Children have free access to water throughout the day and milk is provided at snack times.

Sample menu:

Chicken barley broth with crusty bread

Apple sponge and custard

Pitta pockets and salad

Fresh fruit



Equal Opportunities for all children

We are committed to providing appropriate care and education for all children, regardless of gender, colour, race, religion or any special needs they may have. Our aim is to integrate all children, treating them as equals and allowing them to share the same experiences and opportunities. Staff are committed to encourage, support and help our children in all areas of their development.

Safeguarding Children

Please note that if we have any concerns about your child's development, welfare or safety, we will speak to you immediately. We are required to keep records of these concerns and when we feel it necessary, the advice of other professionals will be sought (in accordance with our policy). All matters will always be dealt with in consultation with parents/carers and in the strictest confidence.

Complaints Procedure

If you have any cause for concern you should in the first instance take it up with your child's Key Worker or the Nursery Manager. We would always hope that any concerns a parent/carer may have would be raised and dealt with by negotiation and discussion between parent/carer and the appropriate staff at the time of occurrence. However should the issue remain unresolved then the Nursery Manager should be contacted either verbally or in writing.



The manager will then investigate the complaint and try to resolve the issue speedily and appropriately contacting and informing all those involved.

If the matter cannot be resolved to the parents/carers satisfaction then they have the right to raise the matter with OFSTED on

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Or at: National Business Unit, OFSTED
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