



St Joseph's In The Park
Independent Prep School

The Woodlands Learning Centre

Providing Personalised Support
for Every Child at St Joseph's In
The Park



NEW: The Woodlands Learning Centre Opening September 2025

Welcome

At St Joseph's In The Park, we are committed to ensuring that every child receives an inclusive, nurturing, and tailored education that meets their individual needs.

As part of this commitment, we are proud to announce that from September 2025, The Woodlands Learning Centre, is enhancing its current SEND provision:

1. The offering will now extend to pupils in Years 1 and 2
2. Pupils in the centre will have access to a full day of specialised learning

This new model will be phased in incrementally according to the needs of our pupils. Pupils currently part of the existing Woodlands provision, will continue to receive SEND support in the morning and return to whole class teaching in the afternoon.

The Woodlands Learning Centre will deliver dedicated, specialist provision within the St Joseph's In The Park grounds. This centre of excellence will provide a structured, yet flexible learning environment for neurodiverse pupils and those needing additional educational support. This initiative reflects our dedication to fostering a culture where every child feels valued, understood, and empowered to succeed.

I would love to welcome you to visit our new centre, to meet the exceptional team and to show you how we can support your child's educational journey.

Doug Brown
Head



Our Vision and Rationale

The evolving educational landscape highlights the increasing need for specialist provision for children who struggle within traditional classroom settings. Many pupils with specific learning differences, such as dyslexia, dysgraphia and dyscalculia, and Neurodevelopmental conditions such as Autism, require a personalised approach that recognises their strengths and supports their unique challenges.

The Woodlands Learning Centre will act as a bridge between mainstream and specialist education, ensuring children receive the right level of support in a nurturing and structured setting. Pupils will benefit from accessing the wider facilities and co-curricular offering at St Joseph's In The Park such as our swimming pool, sports pitches, Forest School, music and drama lessons.

Our Vision

- **Celebrate neurodiversity** by recognising and harnessing individual strengths
- **Remove barriers to learning** through personalised interventions
- **Foster self-confidence and resilience** to prepare pupils for future learning
- **Provide a calm and inspiring environment** where every child can flourish
- **Equip pupils with essential life skills** through a holistic approach to education

By delivering a tailored curriculum in a highly supportive environment, we aim to help children thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

What type of child would benefit?

The Woodlands Learning Centre is designed for children who:

- Have **dyslexia** or **dyscalculia** and require specialist literacy and numeracy support
- Experience **anxiety or low self-esteem**, making mainstream learning overwhelming
- Are **neurodiverse** and need structured and nurturing support to flourish
- Require an **alternative to traditional education**, where their strengths are recognised and nurtured

- Have **EHCPs** but struggle in larger mainstream classes
- Would benefit from a **tranquil and structured learning environment** that fosters confidence and a positive attitude towards learning

The Woodlands Learning Centre provides the ideal setting for children who need additional support while remaining part of a vibrant school community.

“St Joseph's has been life-changing for our family and especially for our daughter. Her transformation is entirely thanks to the nurturing and patient staff, as well as the calm, resource-rich environment. Activities like the singing club, outdoor swimming, caring for chickens, and forest school gave her back the joyful, supportive learning space she needed to thrive once more.”

Parent-
St Joseph's In The Park



Why choose us for your child?

Choosing the right educational setting is a crucial decision. The Woodlands Learning Centre offers a unique, personalised approach to education, ensuring each pupil receives the support they need to flourish.

Key features

- **Individualised Learning** – Tailored curricula that support strengths and address challenges with Personalised Learning Plans tailored to each child's needs
- **Highly Qualified and Dedicated Team** – Specialist teachers and teaching assistants with extensive SEND experience and access to Therapists according to your child's needs
- **Targeted literacy and numeracy interventions** – For children with dyslexia, dyscalculia, and related challenges
- **Small Class Sizes** – Maximum of eight pupils per class for focused and personalised attention

- **A Calm, Nurturing Environment** – Reducing anxiety and fostering confidence
- **Outdoor Learning Opportunities** – Utilising natural surroundings to enhance wellbeing and engagement to encourage curiosity
- **Holistic Development** – Supporting academic achievement and independence with a focus on social-emotional development
- **Access to the wider facilities and co-curricular offering** – Such as our swimming pool, sports pitches, Forest School, music and drama lessons
- **A Pathway to Success** – Preparing pupils for mainstream transitions or continued specialist support

By enrolling in The Woodlands Learning Centre, your child will benefit from an education that truly understands and supports their needs. This structured yet flexible approach ensures that each child receives the necessary support while also being encouraged to develop independence and a love for learning.

Setting and Facilities

St Joseph's In The Park is set on the edge of Hertford, in beautiful Hertfordshire countryside, offering children access to an inspiring and spacious environment for learning and play.

Our facilities include

- **Expansive woodlands** – Providing ample opportunities for outdoor learning and exploration
- **Purpose-built classrooms** – Designed to create a calm and focused learning atmosphere
- **Specialist learning resources** – Tailored for children with SEND
- **A nurturing and inclusive school community** – Where every child feels supported and valued

This combination of outstanding educational settings, dedicated staff, and tailored interventions makes The Woodlands Learning Centre a truly unique offering within the independent sector and provides a transformative opportunity for children who require a personalised learning experience.

“St Joseph's In The Park has been instrumental in a massive improvement in Harry's academic performance, confidence, enjoyment of learning and ability to convey his feelings.”

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Part of Mill Hill Education Group

As part of the Mill Hill Education Group, St Joseph's In The Park benefits from a rich network of expertise and resources that enhance our provision for pupils with additional learning needs. The Mill Hill Education Group is committed to educational excellence and innovation, ensuring that every child receives the best possible support to reach their full potential.

The Group's dedication to holistic education aligns seamlessly with the mission of The Woodlands Learning Centre, reinforcing our commitment to:

- **Providing access to specialist resources and expertise** in SEND education
- **Offering a potential pathway** for pupils within the Mill Hill Education Group

- **Strengthening our focus on pastoral care and pupil well-being** through shared initiatives
- **Facilitating collaboration between educators** to develop best practices in personalised learning

This partnership ensures that pupils at The Woodlands Learning Centre receive the highest standard of education and support, preparing them for a successful transition to the next stage of their educational journey.



Offering & Costs Breakdown

Cost

Annual: £38,000* (Termly: £12,667*)

Prices excluding VAT

What's Included?

- A tailored curriculum and specialist teaching designed for ASC and associated needs
- Integrated therapeutic support embedded within the learning environment
- High-quality, nutritious breakfast, lunch, and snacks provided throughout the day
- Access to purpose-built, ASC-friendly classrooms and dedicated learning spaces
- Use of the wider school facilities, including outdoor learning areas, sports facilities, including the swimming pool during the summer term, music and drama lessons.
- Ongoing management and review of the EHCP to ensure it continues to meet the student's evolving needs

Additional Costs

Any additional costs will be outlined in the offer letter, based on the provision detailed in Section F of the EHCP. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), Interpersonal Psychotherapy (IPT), and Psychodynamic (Psychoanalytic) Psychotherapy
- Alternative provision and personalised interventions
- Peripatetic music lessons
- Wrap around care
- Transport (if arranged by the School)

Key Benefits for Local Authorities

- Specialist provision in a natural, nurturing environment that supports both educational and social development
- Competitive pricing for high-quality, personalised learning experiences
- Rapid response to consultations and swift implementation of tailored support
- The possibility of providing transport solutions at cost price

Enquire Now or Book a Visit

At St Joseph's In The Park, we believe that every child deserves an education that recognises their individuality and potential. Located on the edge of Hertford, Hertfordshire, The Woodlands Learning Centre will ensure that children with SEND receive the support they need to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. By fostering a love for learning in a structured and nurturing environment, we aim to equip our pupils with the confidence and skills they need for a successful future.

We look forward to welcoming families into The Woodlands Learning Centre and working together to create a supportive and enriching educational experience for every child.

Please click [here](#) to register your interest.

“We’ve seen a complete transformation in our daughter’s happiness, attitude to learning, and self-belief since she started at St Joseph’s. We can’t recommend the school highly enough — it’s a lifeline for any child who may be struggling in a mainstream setting.”

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