

Little Beans

Weymouth



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Christmas Festivities

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!

----- LITTLE BEANS XMAS DATES

Monday 18 December – Christmas Playdough Disco

Tuesday 19 December - Christmas Dinner & Father Christmas

The children will be having a special Christmas Dinner. If your child usually has a packed lunch this day, please let us know ASAP so we can book them in for a hot lunch. If your child is not due in but you would like them to join us for the Christmas lunch, then please book in an extra session by emailing Lynne or Claire at: thehub@littlebeansdaycareweymouth.com

Wednesday 20 December – Christmas Pyjamas Day – The staff and children will be having a cozy snug day wearing their favourite Christmas Pyjamas whilst reading lots of Christmas stories.

Friday 22 December – Christmas Party and Christmas Carol Concert.

Friday 22 December we will be having party games and party food to celebrate the festivities in the morning. Party Dresses and Party Clothing welcome! **At 2.30pm we would like to invite you to join in on our Little Beans Christmas Carol Concert.** Come and join us and enjoy a mince pie and a glass of non-alcoholic mulled wine.



This month

We are learning about.....

----- **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AND WINTER!**

Throughout the month of December your children are going to be getting involved with lots of Christmas activities such as Christmas, decorations, Christmas Trees, Christmas Cards, Calendars, Christmas Cakes, baking Mince Pies, Reindeer Food, Salt Dough Christmas Decorations, Snow Globes and Christmas Wreaths!

Your Little Beans will be making lots of Christmas and festive themed crafts, including cards and decorations!

If you would like your child's Christmas craft to be addressed to someone in particular, then please let a member of the team know!





Little Beans Weymouth – November 2023

Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in December 2023

7 December 2023 to 15 December 2023 — Hanukkah! Also known as the Festival of Lights or the Feast of Dedication, the holiday celebrates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. The holiday takes place for eight nights and days, commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple.

4 December 2023 —International Cheetah Day! The world's fastest land animal is racing against extinction. This day is about raising awareness of the cheetah's imminent extinction and we will be making all sorts of fabulous cheetah themed crafts and trying to recreate their amazing patterns as well as releasing our inner cheetahs in some races!

7 December 2023 - Christmas Jumper Day! An event organised by Save the Children to help raise money for children worldwide. Come wearing your best Xmas jumper!

16 December 2023 —Jane Austen Day! Jane Austen's birthday, and a day dedicated to celebrating her life and achievements, and to telling as many people as possible about her amazing works. We will be celebrating by reading and writing our own books and stories to channel our inner author!

21 December 2023 - Robin Day! An annual nationwide event raising awareness of small birds and other wildlife in winter. We will be exploring how we can help them through this tough and chilly time of year!

22nd December 2023 — Winter officially begins! The shortest day of the year marks the start of winter. We will be exploring seasons, and what the signs of winter are! We will be experimenting with ice and snow this month, as well as making lots of winter themed arts and crafts.

24 and 25 December 2023 — Christmas Eve and Christmas! In the run up to the Christmas break, we will be talking about Christmas and how thankful we are to be spending it with our families and talking about the presents we have shared with each other and our loved ones!



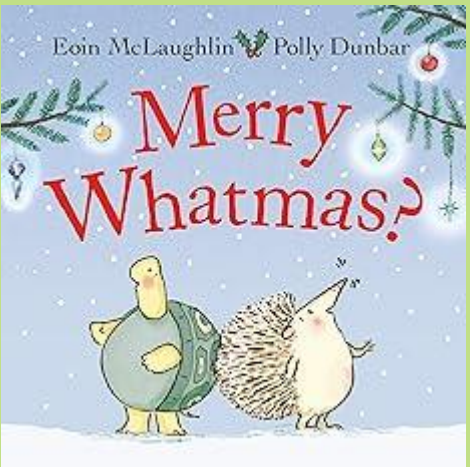
Core Books

----- THIS MONTH

Happy reading!

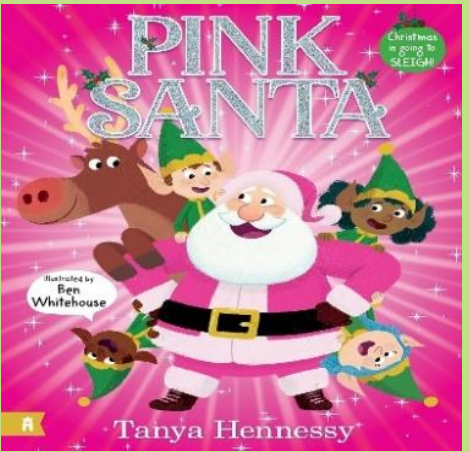
Merry Whatmas! by Eoin McLaughlin

Join Hedgehog and Tortoise for their first ever Christmas. Fox, Badger, Magpie, Squirrel and Rabbit all have very different ideas about the day but it's Owl who reassures them and explains the true meaning of Christmas!



Pink Santa by Tanya Hennessy and Ben Whitehouse

Santa's look gets a 2020s refresh when selfie-posing Rudolph fails to notice the washing machine setting in this quirky, rhyming and up to the minute Christmas picture book story. With a vibrant pink theme, bold pictures throughout, and a happy ending,





Little Bean’s Recipe of the Month

Moroccan spiced couscous

----- INGREDIENTS

- 400g Couscous
- 500ml Boiling water
- 100g Sultanas
- 1 Pepper - cubed
- 1 Courgette - cubed
- 2 Carrots - cubed
- 1 Red onion - sliced
- 1 Tin of black beans - drained
- 1 Carton tomato passata
- 2 tbsp Moroccan seasoning
- 1 tbsp oil

Top Tip:

Couscous is a type of pasta that tastes great hot or cold and can be found in most supermarkets. It works well with chicken, cheese and dried fruit.

----- METHOD

1. Put the oil in a glass or ceramic tray and add the pepper, courgette, carrot and onions.
2. Roast for 15 minutes.
3. In a pot, add the water, black beans, passata and sultanas and simmer for 5 minutes.
4. Add the couscous to the water and mix well.
5. Add the Moroccan seasoning and mix well.
6. Remove from the heat and cover with tinfoil and a lid.
7. Leave to stand for 10 minutes.
8. Mix the couscous well and add in the roasted vegetables.

Enjoy!

TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:

AUTUMN TERM

Term 1 – Monday 4th September 2023 – Friday 20th October 2023

Half term – Monday 23rd October 2023 – Friday 27th October 2023

Term 2 – Monday 30th October 2023 – Friday 15th December 2023

SPRING TERM

Term 1 - Monday 8th January 2024 – Friday 9th February 2024

Half term – Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024

Term 2 – Monday 19th February 2024 – Friday 29th March 2024

Easter Holidays – Monday 1st April 2024 – Friday 12th April 2024

SUMMER TERM

Term 1 – Monday 15th April 2024 – Friday 24th May 2024

Half term – Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024

Term 2 – Monday 3rd June 2024 – Friday 19th July 2024

TERM DATES FOR ALL YEAR ROUND (AYR) CHILDREN:

Academic year - Monday 4th September 2023 – Friday 30th August 2024

Autumn term - 4th September 2023 – 23rd December 2023 (16 weeks)

Spring term - 1st January - 29th March 2024

Summer term 1st April - 30th August 2024

Summer Holidays – Monday 22nd July 2024 – Friday 30th August 2024

Bank Holidays (nursery closed)

Monday 25th December 2023

Tuesday 26th December 2023

Monday 1st January 2024

Monday 29th March 2024

Xmas Closure Dates for your Diary (nursery closed)

25th December 2023 to 1st January 2024.

Little Beans reopens on 2nd January 2024 for AYR children.

TTO children return on 8th January 2024





Little Beans Weymouth – November 2023

We look forward to seeing our all year-round children W/C Tuesday 2nd January 2024, and our term time only children the W/C 8th January 2024. We wish you all a wonderful festive season!



If you have any questions or concerns, then please speak to a member of the Little Beans Team who will be happy to help you.

Facebook and Instagram

Please check out our Facebook and Instagram page, give us a ‘like’ and ‘follow’ to keep updated with dates and reminders. We also add photos regularly of what your Little Beans have been up to.

You can also leave reviews!

<https://www.facebook.com/littlebeansweymouth>

Search on Instagram under ‘Little Beans Day Care’

Little Beans Website

Our website also has lots of useful information which we up-date each month. We put all newsletters, menus, and dates for the diary on it.

You can check the website to keep updated with what’s going on www.littlebeansdaycare.com

