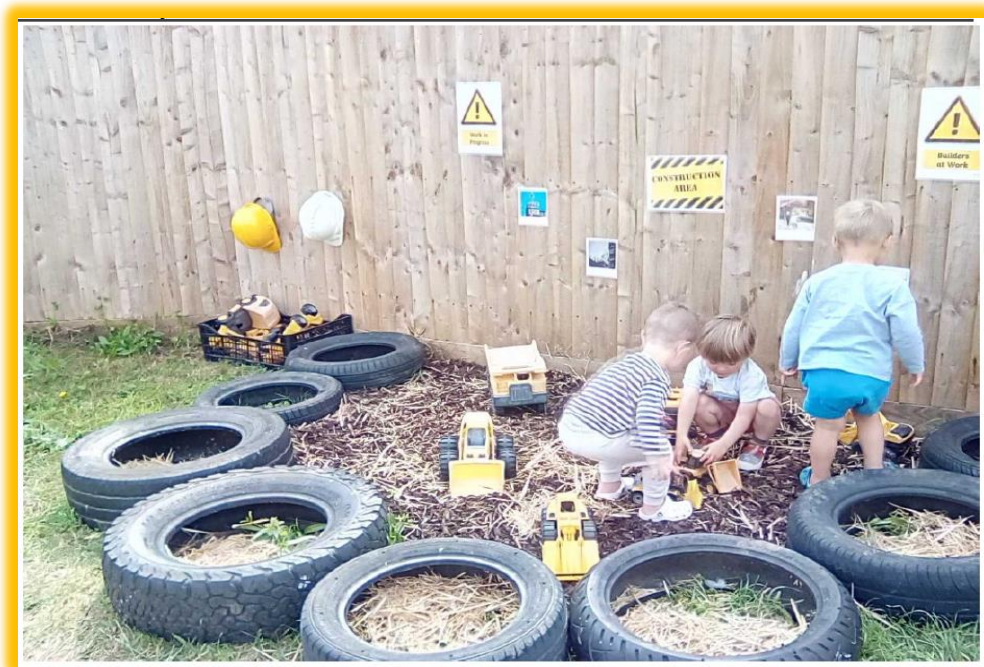


# Little Beans

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## Welcome!

We have now said a final goodbye to our school leavers! Although this is always an extremely sad time of year, we are also so happy and proud of each and every one of them and we know that they are going to love their new adventures at big school!

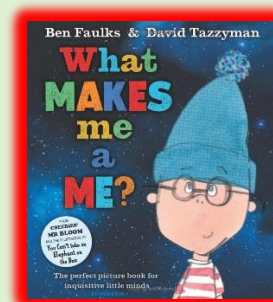
We would also like to say a big 'welcome back' to our children who have had the last 6 weeks at home, we have missed you all and can't wait to hear about your summer! Also, a big hello and welcome to our new families who join us this month – we can't wait to get to know you all over the coming weeks

**We would like to host a 'Meet and Greet' for all of our new and existing Families on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30am to 11.30am.** So please come along and introduce yourselves and get to know our Little Beans Weymouth families a little better.

We hope you are happy with your child's settling in arrangements. To the parents of the new children starting; this will be a big step for them. We would like to assure you that here at Little Beans, we will work hard to make sure each child's needs and requirements are met. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries. Settling in!

Please remember that transition is a process, not an event. Over the coming weeks/and month of September your child may express a range of emotions about being here, and away from you, even for those children who are returning to a relatively familiar space. I can personally assure you that the staff are experienced with supporting children in settling in. **Please speak to your child's key person if you have any concerns.**

## September Core book!



To support our 'All about me' and activities our core book for this month is 'What makes me a me'.

This is a story about identity, in which the character compares himself to a range of animals, inanimate objects and even the naughty boy next door, concluding that, whilst there are some similarities, he is nothing like any of these and that "everybody's different in their own special way".

In a diverse world we know it is important for children to recognise and celebrate their own uniqueness and the uniqueness for others.







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# What we are celebrating!

## Events in September 2024

**2nd – 6th September 2024 – Zero Waste Week.** The aim of this international campaign is to help householders, businesses, schools and community groups increase recycling, reduce landfill waste and participate in the circular economy.

**8th September 2024 - International Literacy Day!** An opportunity to promote the importance of literacy, a day to focus on reading, writing and mark making! We ensure we have a wide range of resources every day to support these aspects of learning. This is such an integral part of lifelong learning and a fabulous way to learn and expand our knowledge.

**6th September 2024 - Read a book day!** The Little Beans will be devouring books on this day to absorb storytelling, rhyme and learn all about the different kinds of books! Does your Little Bean have a favourite book? Could you share a picture on Tapestry of your Little Bean with their favourite book?

**11th September 2024 – Teddy Bear Day!**

A day for appreciation of favourite teddy bears and the companionship that they offer, every day and night! Please bring in your favourite teddy bear to show your friends at circle time.



**13th September 2024 - Roald Dahl Day.** The Birthday of Author Roald Day, this day was chosen as a day to promote reading. Please think of your favourite Roald Dahl book and come dressed as a character.

**19th September 2024 – Shiver me timbers, it's Talk like a Pirate Day!** A full day at Little Beans full of pirate themed activities. What a fantastic, fun way to promote learning across all aspects of the curriculum but especially language, learning all about pirates and how they sail the seas!

**23rd September 2024 – International day of Sign Languages.** This day highlights the essential role sign language plays in building an inclusive society where Deaf individuals can fully engage in all areas of life. We will be celebrating the beauty and power of sign language, and enjoy signing songs with your little ones!

**22nd September 2024 – Autumn Starts** It won't be long before we embrace the blazing colours of Autumn. The autumn equinox marks the start autumn as the night becomes longer than the day, until the spring equinox when the pattern is reversed.



This Month the Little Beans will be learning

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### All About Me!

What makes us who we are? Our Little Beans will be talking all about themselves and what makes them individuals! Self-confidence and self-awareness are a key part of your child's personal, social and emotional development.

We will be looking at how to promote self-awareness and how this stems from having strong emotional awareness, accurate self-assessment, and self-confidence. In other words, it is all about knowing your emotions, your personal strengths and weaknesses, and having a strong sense of your own worth.

Please could you send your child in with a family photo and photos of their homes so we can talk about these in circle time.







# Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

## Apple Gruffalo Crumble

### INGREDIENTS

1. 4 large cooking apples
2. 250g caster sugar
3. 250g butter
4. 250g oats

### Top Tip

If you would like to add any other fruit to the apples, then it is possible. Why not try mixed berries, cherries, rhubarb.



### METHOD

5. Peel and chop the apples into slices and place them into an oven proof tray.
6. Mix the butter, oats and caster sugar together until it makes a bread crumb texture.
7. Sprinkle the mixture on top of the apples and bake in the oven for 30 mins on gas mark 7, 180 degrees until golden brown.
8. You can serve this hot or cold – try adding custard to the hot dish - delicious!
9. Serve and devour

-----Enjoy!

### TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:

#### Autumn Term

Term 1 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Half term – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

Term 2 – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

#### Spring term

Term 1 – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Half term – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Term 2 – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

#### Summer term

Easter Holidays – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Term 1 – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Half term – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Term 2 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Summer Holidays – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025

### TERM DATES FOR ALL YEAR ROUND (AYR) CHILDREN:

#### Academic year

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025

#### Autumn term

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 – 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024

#### Spring Term

1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (13 weeks)

#### Summer Term

31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 – 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025 (22 weeks)

#### Closed for Christmas

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 (Inclusive)

### Bank Holidays (nursery closed)

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2025





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## Notices and Housekeeping!



Welcome to Ellen who has joined Little Beans Weymouth as our Team Administrator

We love having her on board, keeping us ship shape!

### 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 update 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](http://www.littlebeansdaycare.com)

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

### Reminders

As the weather gets a little more variable this month, remember to pack your Little Bean's bag to cater for all four seasons! We will always go out to explore and play in the garden – sun hats as well as raincoats may be required!!





# Little Bean's Songs of the Month

## September 2024

### "Rain Rain Go Away!"

Rain, rain, go away  
come again another day  
Little Johnny wants to play  
rain, rain, go to Spain

Rain, rain, go away  
come again another day  
Little baby wants to play  
Rain, rain, go away

### Do you know the Muffin Man?

Oh, do you know the muffin man,  
The muffin man, the muffin man,  
Oh, do you know the muffin man,  
Who lives in Drury Lane?

2. Oh, yes, I know the muffin man,  
The muffin man, the muffin man,  
Oh, yes, I know the muffin man,  
Who lives in Drury Lane



### A Sailor went to Sea

A sailor went to sea, sea, sea,  
To see what he could see, see, see.  
But all that he could see, see, see  
Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, sea, sea.

A sailor went to chop, chop, chop,  
To see what he could chop, chop, chop.  
But all that he could chop, chop, chop  
Was the bottom of the deep blue chop, chop,  
chop.

A sailor went to knee, knee, knee,  
To see what he could knee, knee, knee.  
But all that he could knee, knee, knee  
Was the bottom of the deep blue knee, knee,  
knee.

A sailor went to snap, snap, snap,  
To see what he could snap, snap, snap.  
But all that he could snap, snap, snap  
Was the bottom of the deep blue snap, snap,  
snap.

A sailor went to jump, jump, jump,  
To see what he could jump, jump, jump.  
But all that he could jump, jump, jump  
Was the bottom of the deep blue jump, jump,  
jump.

A sailor went to sea, chop, knee, snap, jump.  
To see what he could see, chop, knee, snap,  
jump.

But all that he could see, chop, knee, snap,  
jump.

Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, chop,  
knee, snap, jump.