

Little Beans

Garland



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Christmas Performances!

Come and watch your Little Beans

---- 'YOU'RE INVITED!'

Pre-school - Your Little Bean would like to invite you to **Longfleet School Hall on Friday 13th December 2024 @ 10am to approx. 11am** to watch our Christmas Performance (Singing along is essential!) All Little Beans are invited to attend wearing an Christmas outfit to show off their fantastic singing skills! If your Little Bean does not attend on Fridays, please bring them along to Longfleet for 9.45am and they can join their friends in this performance.

2's Room: Monday 16th December 2024 @ 10am to approx. 11am at Longfleet School Hall - All Little Beans are invited to attend wearing their best Christmas outfit or whatever they feel festive in! If your Little Bean does not attend on Mondays, please bring them along to Longfleet for 9.45am and they can join their friends in this performance.



Baby Room: In the absence of a performance, the baby room team would like to invite all their baby beans and parents and carers in to Little Beans for a fun-filled festive morning **on 16th December 2024 @ 10am to approx. 11am**. Feel free to dress up your baby beans in their Christmas best and come on down to Little Beans!

There will be many Christmas activities set out around the room for them as well as Christmas music that we are certain your baby beans will love to hear! We all know your baby beans love to dance! There is no better way than starting Christmas off with a Christmas party! We will be holding a **Christmas Party on Thursday 12th December all day!** The day will be filled with games, a Christmas dinner and lots more festive fun! Please get in touch with the office team if you would like to book your child in for this session if it is not their usual day! We can't wait to see you all there!



This month

----- WE WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT – FESTIVALS, FAITHS & RELIGIONS

We will be engaging in lots of activities where we will learn all about the different cultures and festivals around the world.

Did you know that the 25th of December is also considered to be the birthday of Hindu god, Krishna as well as Mirtha the Greek god of light!

We will be exploring how to build a snowman, and how to decorate a Christmas tree!

The Little Beans will be making lots of Christmas and festival 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!

These are some of the books we will be exploring this month too:



explore • learn • grow



Nurture your Little Bean into a Book worm!

----- Reading

'The EYFS Curriculum states that *'it is crucial for children to learn a life-long love of reading'* so let's read every day, the benefits for reading from birth and success in later life are proven.

Snuggle up and read with your Little Bean every day! Have a special place to keep your books.

Take your Little Bean to the local library and explore the different types of books available to borrow.

Act out the story with your Little Bean. Take on characters, different voices and humour to bring the story to life!

Talk about reading from left to right and encourage your Little Bean to trace the words with their fingers.

Make mistakes in familiar songs and stories... and let your Little Bean catch you out!

Point out and talk about all the words in the world around us such as the name of the shop you are in or the labels on foods.

Encourage your Little Bean to make their very own picture books where they can describe their own stories.



Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in December 2024

25 December 2024 to 2 January 2025 — 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.

4th December 2024 — 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!

12th December 2024 - Christmas Jumper Day! An event organised by Save the Children to help raise money for children worldwide. Come wearing your best Christmas Jumper!! We will also be having our Christmas Party on this day!

16 December 2024 —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 2024 - Robin Day! (we will celebrate this on 23rd December) 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!

21st December 2024 — 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, as well as making lots of winter themed arts and crafts.

24 and 25 December 2024 — 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!





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

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

Enjoy!

TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:

Autumn Term

Term 1 – Monday 2nd September 2024 – Friday 25th December 2024

Half term – Monday 28th October 2024 – Friday 1st November 2024

Term 2 – Monday 4th November 2024 – Friday 13th December 2024

Spring term

Term 1 - Monday 6th January 2025 – Friday 14th February 2025

Half term – Monday 17th February 2025 – Friday 21st February 2025

Term 2 – Monday 24th February 2025 – Friday 4th April 2025

Summer term

Easter Holidays – Monday 7th April 2025 – Friday 18th April 2025

Term 1 – Monday 21st April 2025 – Friday 23rd May 2025

Half term – Monday 26th May 2025 – Friday 30th May 2025

Term 2 – Monday 2nd June 2025 – Friday 18th July 2025

Summer Holidays – Monday 21st July 2025 – Friday 29th August 2025

TERM DATES FOR ALL YEAR ROUND (AYR) CHILDREN:

Academic year

Monday 2nd September 2024 – Friday 29th August 2025

Autumn term

2nd September 2024 – 24th December 2024

Spring Term

1st January 2025 – 28th March 2025 (13 weeks)

Summer Term

31st March 2025 – 29th August 2025 (22 weeks)

Closed for Christmas

Wednesday 25th December 2024 – Wednesday 1st January 2025 (Inclusive)

Bank Holidays (nursery closed)

Monday 26th August 2024

Wednesday 25th December 2024

Thursday 26th December 2024

Wednesday 1st January 2025

Friday 18th April 2025

Monday 21st April 2025

Monday 5th May 2025

Monday 26th May 2025

Monday 25th August 2025

Thursday 25th December 2025

Friday 26th December 2025



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Housekeeping!

Welcome



A warm welcome to our newest member of the Little Beans team, Lilly. She is a level 2 practitioner and is working in the baby room. We are excited to have her onboard!

Christmas Holiday Club

Join us for some festive fun this Christmas Holidays – the week commencing 16 December 2024 for children aged 5 to 12 years old.

Book now to secure your space. Check out our website for more details.

Holiday Club prices are available to those children aged 5yrs to 12yrs. Additional sessions also available for our Little Beans aged under 5 too!

We will be basing each day around a festive book and doing lots of fabulous activities such as making angels, baking and going out to the library.

Please get in touch if you would like to book in your not so Little Bean!

We look forward to seeing our All Year-Round children from Thursday 2nd January 2025, and our Term Time Only children from Monday 6th January 2025.

We wish you all a wonderful festive season!

Facebook and Instagram

Stay connected with us by visiting our Facebook and Instagram pages!

Be sure to give us a 'like' and 'follow' to stay updated on important dates, reminders, and to see regular photos of what your Little Beans have been up to. Don't forget, you can also leave us a review!

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For more information, visit our website where we regularly update newsletters, menus, and important dates. Check it out at: www.littlebeansdaycare.com

