

# Little Beans

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## Time is Marching on!

.....Spring is in the air

### Welcome to the March 2025 Edition of Our Newsletter!

Spring is finally here! This season brings a sense of renewal and optimism, with nature coming to life and (hopefully) warmer days ahead.

With longer, sunnier days on the horizon, we'll be spending more time outdoors — exploring, playing, and enjoying the beauty of blooming flowers like daffodils and crocuses. And of course, it's also the perfect time for a little spring cleaning!

March is a busy month, with exciting events like **World Book Day, Red Nose Day, and World Down Syndrome Day**. Be sure to check out the posts on our website for all the details!

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to any member of the **Little Beans Team**.

Happy Spring! 🌸 🌱



### This month

We will be learning about.....

### Animals!

This month, we'll be diving into the fascinating world of **animals and their habitats!**

We'll compare different animals, learning fun facts and spotting similarities and differences between them. Together, we'll explore which animals live in the water, which roam the land, and which take to the skies.

Some big questions we'll be asking:

- How big is a whale? 🐳
- Which animal is the fastest? 🐆
- Are there creatures that thrive in extreme heat or freezing cold? ❄️💧

We'll also discover how animals spend their days—some are awake when we are, while others sleep all day and come to life at night!

We'll talk about pets and why some animals, like cats and dogs, make great companions, while others, like lions and tigers, are best admired from afar!

Lastly, we'll have fun learning the special names for baby animals—how many can we remember?

It's going to be an exciting adventure into the animal kingdom!



## Little Beans Celebrates!

### Special days in March 2025

**1<sup>st</sup> March: St David's Day** We will be celebrating on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, the patron saint of Wales by looking at the Welsh flag and making daffodils to wear! We will also look at the Welsh landscape and seeing if we can find similarities and differences between our own!

**6<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day** Annual celebration of books and reading celebrated by reading, book related activities and dressing up as characters from books. At Little Beans we will be encouraging all to dress up as their favourite book or nursery rhyme character! We will be looking at all types of books and stories and seeing if we can make up any stories of our own!

**8<sup>th</sup> March: International Women's Day** This annual event celebrates all the amazing things women have achieved. It is a way to show how women have and continue to influence the world. We will celebrate it on 10<sup>th</sup> March and talk about and celebrate the brilliant women we know in our Little Beans circle of families and friends.

**30<sup>th</sup> March: Mother's Day At Little Beans** we will be thinking all about the special women in our lives and thinking of kind ways to show our appreciation for them!

**21<sup>st</sup> March: Red Nose Day** At Little Beans we will be fundraising for Comic Relief by dressing up in something red! We will be doing lots of fun activities through the day to make us smile and laugh like telling jokes, playing group games and doing some baking! See the poster on the website for details!

**18<sup>th</sup> March: Global Recycling Day** We are asking all Little Beans to bring something in for a junk modelling competition! We love to reuse and recycle here at Little Beans and will be working together to use junk modelling to make some fantastic creations!

**20<sup>th</sup> March: Equinox** The equinox marks the day when day and night are the same lengths all over the world, with the word equinox literally meaning 'equal night' in Latin. Spring begins!

**21<sup>st</sup> March: World Down Syndrome Day** Little Beans will be fundraising for Down syndrome association. We are asking that you let your child pick the craziest socks to help raise money for this fantastic charity, who support children with down syndrome and their families.

**22<sup>nd</sup> March: World Water Day** A worldwide event to recognise how important it is to not waste water, and how important water is to all creatures and living things! We will mark this on 24<sup>th</sup> March.

**28<sup>th</sup> March: Wear a Hat Day:** This fundraising day is in aid of Brain Tumour Research. Wear A Hat Day arrives as the culmination of weeks of awareness and campaigning as part of Brain Tumour Awareness Month.

**30<sup>th</sup> March: Daylight saving begins** today, so remember that the clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am in the morning!

#### Play.....

#### ----- The Importance of Play in Early Childhood

In the early years, play is your child's primary way of learning and growing. It's not just fun—it's how they explore, observe, experiment, and solve problems, all while learning from their mistakes.

Your support and encouragement are essential, but finding the right balance is key. Allowing your child to try things on their own—even if they make mistakes—helps them develop confidence and independence.

Discovering how the world works through hands-on experiences is a vital part of their learning journey.

Engaging in play, conversation, and interaction with you builds essential life skills and strengthens your bond.

Play is also a powerful way to nurture your relationship. When you spend time playing together, you send a simple but meaningful message: "You are important to me."

This sense of belonging helps your child understand who they are and where they fit in the world.





# Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

## Lemon Drizzle Cake

### INGREDIENTS

- 250g Butter
- 250g Sugar
- 250g Self Raising Flour
- 3 Eggs
- 2 Lemons
- 100g Icing Sugar
- 5g Baking Powder

### Top Tip:

Swap the lemons for oranges and make an Orange Drizzle Cake instead!

### METHOD

1. Preheat oven to gas mark 5 or 200 degrees.
2. Mix the butter, sugar and eggs together.
3. Grate 2 lemon zests and add to the mixture.
4. Add the juice of 1 lemon.
5. Fold in the flour and baking powder.
6. Bake in oven for 20 minutes or until golden brown!
7. Juice the second lemon and add the icing sugar.
8. Make fork pricks in the cake to allow for better absorption.
9. Drizzle the lemon icing sugar over the top of the cake once cooked.

Enjoy!

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

#### 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

#### 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)

### Bank Holidays (nursery closed)

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



# Housekeeping!

## Some changes to the Little Beans Team

### Welcome

**Elisha** – We are excited to welcome Elisha, who will be joining us in the Preschool Room as she embarks on her journey as an apprentice. She's looking forward to supporting your Little Beans and being part of their growth and learning!

**Isabella** – We're thrilled to have Isabella joining us as an apprentice in our Baby Room. She is eager to start this new chapter and can't wait to support and care for your littlest ones!

**Carly** – We're thrilled to welcome Carly to our Baby Room! With her Level 3 qualification and passion for early childhood development, she's excited to share her knowledge and experience with your Little Beans

### Farewell

**Layla** – We would like to take this moment to wish Layla a heartfelt farewell as she prepares for her journey into motherhood. We are sending all our best wishes to her and her baby during this exciting new chapter. May this time be filled with joy, love, and precious moments. We look forward to welcoming her back when the time is right!

## 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!

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/littlebeansgarland/>

**Instagram:** Search for 'Little Beans Day Care'

## Little Beans Website

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

