

Little Beans

Garland



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Hello Summertime!welcome warmer weather

We're delighted to be welcoming the warmer weather this month and can't wait to spend even more time outdoors, observing the changes in our environment as spring into summer blossoms around us!

With this in mind, we kindly ask that you ensure your Little Bean comes prepared with plenty of spare clothing and items suitable for all weathers.

Whether we're dancing in the rain or planting flowers in the sunshine, we'll be making the most of our time outside, whatever the forecast.



We absolutely love exploring the seasons and learning alongside nature. This month, we're excited to get out into the garden, breathe in the fresh spring air, and see what we can grow!

If you have any plant cuttings or handy tips for gardening in true British weather, we'd love for you to share them with us!

Here's to a wonderful springtime of exploring, learning, and growing together.

REMINDER: WE ARE CLOSED:

- **GOOD FRIDAY – 18TH April 2025**
- **EASTER MONDAY – 21ST April 2025**

This month..... Stories and books!

Throughout April, our Little Beans will be diving into the wonderful world of literature! We'll be exploring all things storytelling.

Sharing stories, talking, and singing every day plays a vital role in children's development. It helps them tune in to sounds, words, and language, laying the foundations for early literacy skills. Through our activities this month, our Little Beans will grow their love of books and stories, while igniting their imaginations and natural curiosity.

Reading supports brain development, improves focus and concentration, and builds important social and communication skills. To bring our stories to life, the Little Beans will enjoy role play, acting out familiar tales, and using small world resources to develop their storytelling abilities — all while learning to tell the difference between 'real' and 'make-believe'.

There will be plenty of sensory fun too, as we use messy play to explore which porridge is too hot, too cold, or just right — inspired by the tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Stories also help children understand emotions. This month, we'll be using books and characters to explore feelings — thinking about how we might feel in different situations and how we can make others (and ourselves!) feel happy.

We're looking forward to a magical month full of storytelling, imagination, and discovery!



Little Beans Celebrates!

Special days in April 2025

1st April - April Fool's Day!

Celebrated all over the world as a morning of jokes and tricks - but don't play a trick after noon - or you are the fool! The Little Beans will be talking about the jokes and tricks they played on their families and trying hard to make each other laugh!

Easter (Easter Friday 18th April, Easter Sunday 20th April and Easter Monday 21st April)

The Little Beans will be talking about Easter the first week of April and engaging in activities based around Easter and Spring! We will be searching high and low for Easter Eggs, trying hot cross buns and seeing who can design the best Easter Egg!

2nd April - International Children's Book Day

The Little Beans will be celebrating books and stories all month long in celebration of international children's book day and talking about our favourites!

22nd April - World Earth Day

Worldwide event to raise awareness of the environmental issues which face the whole of planet Earth! The Little Beans will be using this day to engage in lots of recycling and junk modelling activities, as well as talking about our home and how important it is to look after our World.



23rd April - St George's Day

The patron saint of England's bravery will be celebrated by talking all about how we are brave! We will also be looking at the England flag and designing our own!



25th April - Penguin Day

Awareness day to highlight the dangers that penguin's habitats face, as well as the number of penguin species which are endangered.



29th April - International Dance Day

A celebration day for those who can see the value and importance of the art form "dance". The Little Beans will try out all their dance moves!

The Power of Play.....

-----in Early Childhood

Play offers children endless opportunities to think, explore, and solve problems. Everyday items like pots, pans, cups, and spoons can become wonderful learning tools when children are given the chance to play freely with them.

Through simple activities — banging, dropping, stacking, filling, and emptying containers — children begin to make sense of the world around them. They test what happens when things fall, discover different sounds as objects collide, and develop important early skills through hands-on exploration.

For children, play really is their most important work — it's how they learn, create, and grow!





Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

Vegetable Stir Fry

----- **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 Carton of Tomato Passata
- 1 Vegetable Stock Cube
- 20ml of Soy Sauce
- 1/2 tbsp of Ground Garlic
- 1 tbsp of Chinese 5 Spice
- 250g of Mixed Vegetables
- 200g of Rice or Noodles

Top Tip:

If you want to add chicken or pork, fry the meat separately in a little oil until cooked through and then add to the noodle and vegetable mix after step 5

----- **METHOD**

1. Boil the rice or noodles for 15 minutes then add the vegetables and boil for a further 15 minutes.
2. Drain the noodles and vegetables and then add the passata and soy sauce, mix well.
3. Simmer on a medium heat for 10 minutes.
4. Add the spices to the mixture and simmer for a further 15 minutes.
5. Add boiling water if necessary

Enjoy!

TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:

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

Autumn Term

Term 1 – Monday 1st September 2025 – Friday 24th October 2025

Half term – Monday 27th October 2025 – Friday 31st October 2025

Term 2 – Monday 3rd November 2025 – Friday 12th December 2025

TERM DATES FOR ALL YEAR ROUND (AYR) CHILDREN:

Academic year

Monday 2nd September 2024 – Friday 29th August 2025

Spring Term

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

Summer Term

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

Academic year

Monday 1st September 2025 – Friday 28th August 2026

Autumn term 1st September 2025 – Friday 19th December 2025 (16 weeks)

Spring Term 22nd December 2025

- January 2026 – 28th March 2026 (13 weeks)

Summer Term 31st March 2026 – 29th August 2026 (22 weeks)

Bank Holidays (nursery closed)

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

Closed for Christmas! 😊

Wednesday 24th December 2025 – Tuesday 31st December 2025 inclusive and Monday 1st January 2026 (Bank holiday closed)

Re-open on the Friday 2nd January 2026



Housekeeping!

The Little Beans Team

We are excited to welcome **Sue** to the team. She is taking over the Baby room leader role from **Channelle** who leaves us to explore other opportunities. We wish Channelle all the best for the future but we will all miss her so much. Sue and Channelle have been working together through March carrying out a thorough handover. Sue has many years of experience in childcare and we are looking forward to working with her and sharing her knowledge.



We also welcome **Olivia** as an apprentice working in our 2's Room. She told us: *"I'm thrilled to begin my journey as an apprentice, and I'm excited to strengthen my knowledge and experience along the way! My goal is to help your Little Beans build new skills, brick by brick, through safe play, games, and fun activities. It's truly inspiring to be part of a child's care, learning, and development, and I look forward to nurturing their creativity through art, singing, play, and cooking!"*



Weekly Activities at Little Beans Garland

On a Monday and Friday afternoon, our lovely cook Heather does a cooking class with the children – it is always a fun time baking with Heather and then eating it all up!

On a Tuesday the Preschool and 2's children enjoy a French lesson with Marie! The children learn some of our favourite nursery rhymes in French, as well as words and phrases to do with our monthly themes!

On a Wednesday we enjoy music lessons with Helen. It's always a fun time playing different instruments and making interesting sounds and beats!

On a Thursday the Little Beans have a Dance class with Emily of Itsy Bitsy – we absolutely love getting our groove on and exploring music through movement!

Throughout the week we go out and about into our community as much as possible! If you have any suggestions about where we could explore, then please let us know!

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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