

Little Beans

Weymouth



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August is summer time ☺

Good luck to our graduates!

August is always full of mixed emotions as we say goodbye to children leaving us to go to school in September. Some have been with us from the very beginning and others not so long. Either way, it has been an absolute delight working with each and every child. We wish them all the best with next stage of their education.

Focus for August

During the month of August, we will be exploring the science of Art, creating our own ice art with the children collecting natural materials from their environment and freezing them in water. The children will enjoy observing how the materials looked in the ice. They will investigate how they can get them out of the ice and begin their learning about the process of melting.

The children will also engaged in several creative art experiences, painting with coloured ice and creating paintings while playing ‘marble football’ inspired by the children’s interest in football and experience of the European World Cup.

We will be looking at a variety of recipes to support the children’s knowledge of measurements and shapes whilst having fun creating slime, playdough, and participating in cooking experiences.

Furthering our focus on measurements, we will also look at time. Focusing on where in our environments we have seen a clock, and what the purpose of a clock is.



This month we will be learning about

.....Dinosaurs!

Our Little Beans are about to embark on an exciting journey back in time to learn all about the incredible creatures that once roamed the Earth!

Through hands-on activities, we'll dig for fossils, examine footprints, and uncover clues that teach us about the many different species of dinosaurs.

This fun-filled learning experience will also help the children explore how the Earth has changed over time, and how animals depend on their environment to survive. We'll be learning about growth, change, decay, and the fascinating circle of life!



We will be doing lots of craft, messy and experimenting this month!

We will be answering questions such as:

- What happens when an egg hatches?
- Why do some dinosaurs have such long necks?
- How many species of dinosaur were there?
- Which is the biggest dinosaur? Can they all fly?





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Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in August 2025

7th August — Sea Serpent Day

A day to ponder on the myth of sea serpents. A sea serpent or sea dragon is a type of dragon sea monster described in various mythologies across the ancient world including Mesopotamian, Greek, Judaeo-Christian and Norse mythology.

8th August – International Cat Day

Organised by the International Fund for Animal Welfare, this is a day to think about your furry friend and appreciate everything you love about them.

9th August – Rice Pudding Day

Yes, this really is a thing. We will celebrate this on Monday 11th August. All you have to do is to eat some rice pudding today. Enjoy!

12th August — World Elephant Day

A day to bring attention to the urgent plight of Asian and African elephants. Experience elephants in non-exploitive and sustainable environments where elephants can thrive under care and protection.



13th August — Left-Handed Day

Your chance to tell your family and friends how proud you are of being left-handed, and also to raise awareness of the everyday issues that lefties face in a world designed for right-handers!

14th August – World Lizard Day

A special day for lizard enthusiasts to share their interest with the world. There are 6,000 species of lizards in the world, and they have been around for more than 250 million years.

15th August – International Relaxation Day!

A day to slow down and unwind and focus on self-care. It's important that our little beans have all the tools to deal with daily stresses and engage in activities that promote physical and mental wellbeing and relaxation.

19th August – International Orangutan Day

An awareness day for orangutangs around the world, some of which are facing extinction within the next two decades. Their habitat is threatened by the illegal pet trade and deforestation from the palm oil industry. You can also visit our nearby Monkey World to see some rescued Orangutans including some youngsters growing up in their orangutan nursery!



27th August - World Rock Paper Scissors Day!

Overcoming various culture or language barriers, Rock Paper Scissors is a game that can be understood and played by almost anyone, regardless of their age, gender or other differences – and without cost or equipment! Rock Paper Scissors Day is meant to bring people together, bonding them over the fun that can be had from this simple game that is considered to be one of the oldest in the world!



Starting Nursery.....

-----some top tips!

Help your child get comfortable around other children before starting nursery

Taking your child to a baby or toddler group is a great way to ease them into social situations. These groups give your child the chance to play with other kids in a safe, welcoming space, while you connect with other parents and carers. It's a gentle way to help your child become familiar with being around their peers.

Familiarise your child with the nursery location

Walk or drive passed the nursery a few times before their first day. Seeing the building and the surroundings regularly can help your child feel more comfortable and confident when it's time to go inside.

Talk about nursery in a positive way

When you mention nursery to your child, do so with a smile and an upbeat tone. Children are quick to pick up on your emotions, so staying positive helps them feel more excited and less anxious about this new experience.





Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

Fruit Caterpillar Kababs

A colourful, fun and healthy snack kids can build themselves!

What you will need:

- Green grapes
- Strawberries
- Banana slices
- Blueberries
- Mini marshmallows (optional for eyes)
- Chocolate chips or raisins (optional for eyes)
- Wooden skewers or large wooden ice lolly sticks (use with supervision)

Little Helping Hands Tips:

- For very young children, use the ice lolly sticks instead of skewers to avoid sharp ends.
- Cut grapes and berries in half if serving to toddlers for safe eating.

Let your little bean name their caterpillar creations — it makes snack time more fun and creative!

How to Make them:

- Wash and prepare the fruit: slice bananas and hull strawberries.
- Let your child build their own caterpillar by sliding fruit pieces onto a skewer or ice lolly stick.
- Try this pattern: grape, banana, grape, strawberry, grape... and so on!
- For the caterpillar face, use a strawberry or banana slice at the front.
- Add mini marshmallows with chocolate chips or raisins for eyes (you can stick them on with a bit of yogurt or cream cheese if needed).

ENJOY!-----

TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:	TERM DATES FOR ALL YEAR ROUND (AYR) CHILDREN:	Bank Holidays (nursery closed)
Summer term 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	Academic year Monday 2nd September 2024 – Friday 29th August 2025 Summer Term 31st March 2025 – 29th August 2025 (22 weeks) Academic year Monday 1st Sept 2025-Friday 28th Aug 2026	Monday 5th May 2025 Monday 26th May 2025 Monday 25th August 2025 Thursday 25th December 2025 Friday 26th December 2025
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Little Beans Weymouth – July 2025

Housekeeping

Welcome new team members!



Luc has joined us as our new Admin Manager, and we're thrilled to have him on board.

We look forward to the great work we'll do together as he settles into his new role.



"My name is Lauren and I am joining the Little Beans family as the new Baby Room Manager. I have many years of experience in managing Baby Rooms and know how important and informative a child's first 2 years of life are.

I am also a new mum myself and want to reassure new parents that I will make sure that their child's experiences with us will be based on our commitment to encourage our children to Explore, Learn and Grow."

Facebook and Instagram

Please check out our Facebook and Instagram pages <https://www.facebook.com/littlebeansweymouth>



"My name is Rose, and I am also a new Level 3 Apprentice in Baby Room. I have had some experience of working in a nursery and I absolutely love my time with the children. I am a fun a bubbly character and I love the outdoors and teaching sport. I am currently doing my cricket instructor course so, I can't wait to teach all the children."



"Hi, my name is Shannon, and I am a new Level 3 Apprentice in Baby Room. I can't wait to meet all of you and your lovely children. I am most looking forward to watching the children grow in confidence each and every day and feeling proud that I have helped to support their development."

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



Core Books



Love is in the Little Things by Jane Massey

A celebration of everyday, little acts of love with heartfelt illustrations from the talented Jane Massey.

Love is in the little things.

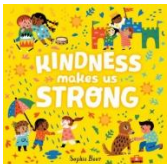
A kiss, a smile, a cup of tea.

Just me and you sitting quietly.

A song, a hug, a helping hand

that lifts us up so we can stand.

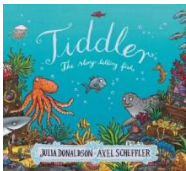
Join Big and Small as they journey through the moments that make a relationship – from blowing bubbles in the bath, to saying ‘sorry’. This charming book and is ideal for parents and children welcoming home a new baby brother or sister.



Kindness Make Us Strong by Sophie Beer

This is a valuable board book for nursery and preschool children, exploring everyday ways to show kindness. Each page includes a different example of kindness, such as saying hello to somebody, giving a hug or cheering somebody on.

We really love the bright and bold style of Sophie Beer’s illustrations and the diverse cast of characters. Children need to see how even the smallest gestures can make a difference to others. There’s plenty to talk about in each picture and many of the children will be able to relate to some of the situations in the book as either the giver or recipient of the kindness shown.



Tiddler By Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler

Tiddler is a fish who is always late for school. Every day he arrives with a different tall story about why he is not there on time, until one day he finds himself caught up in a big adventure that will make him very, very late indeed! A fun, rhyming story with a repeated refrain.

Songs for August

I’m a Fish, Original Author: Unknown

Sung to: “I’m a little Teapot”

I’m a little fishy, I can swim. here is my tail, here is my fin.

When I want to have fun with my friends,

I wiggle my tail and dive right in.



Bubbles Flew Over the Ocean By: Jean Warren

Sung to: “My Bonnie lies Over the Ocean”

My Bubbles flew over the ocean

My Bubbles flew over the sea

My Bubbles Flew over the rainbow.

Oh come back my bubbles to me.

Come back, Come back,

Oh Come Back, my bubbles to me!



To The Beach, Original Author: Unknown

Sung to: “London Bridge”

We are going to the beach,

to the Beach, to the beach,

We are going to the beach,

in our bathing suits.

We will find there rocks and shells,

Rocks and shells, Rocks and Shells.

We will find there rocks and shells,

to gather by the water.

