

Little Beans

Weymouth



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Butterflies in July! 🦋

July is a truly magical month—especially if you love butterflies! This is when many butterflies are most active, fluttering through gardens, parks, and fields, showing off their bright, beautiful colours.

Here are some butterflies you might spot this summer:

Red Admiral – This butterfly has black wings with bright red bands and white spots. You might see it resting in the sunshine or feeding on flowers.

Peacock – With big colourful “eye spots” on its wings, the Peacock butterfly is easy to notice! These special spots help scare away birds and other animals.

Small Tortoiseshell – This butterfly is orange, black, and yellow and loves flowers like buddleia, also known as the butterfly bush.

Comma – Look closely and you’ll see a tiny white comma shape on the underside of its wings. Its wings have bumpy edges that make it look like a dried leaf when it’s resting.

Brimstone – Male Brimstone butterflies are pale yellow and look like leaves as they fly. They’re often seen near gardens and woods.

Where Can You Find Butterflies?

🌸 **In Gardens** – Butterflies love gardens with colourful flowers! Plants like lavender, marigolds, and verbenas are butterfly favourites.

🌳 **In Parks and the Countryside** – Wide open spaces with wildflowers, hedges, and woodland edges are perfect places to go butterfly spotting!

Fun Butterfly Facts!

🦋 **Life Cycle** – Butterflies start as eggs, then become caterpillars, then change into a chrysalis, and finally turn into butterflies! July is when you’ll see many grown-up butterflies flying around.

🌸 **Helping Plants Grow** – As butterflies sip nectar, they help move pollen from flower to flower. This helps flowers and plants grow!

✈️ **Butterfly Travellers** – Some butterflies, like the Painted Lady, travel thousands of miles from Africa all the way to the UK!

Why not go on a butterfly hunt this month? Look around your garden or local park - how many different butterflies can you find?

Fun butterfly activities!

Butterfly Watching:

Take a walk with a notebook and try to spot and identify different butterflies. You can draw pictures of the ones you see.

Create a Butterfly Garden:

With the help of an adult, plant some butterfly-friendly flowers in your garden. You can create a haven for these beautiful insects.

Craft Time:

Make your own butterfly out of paper. You can colour it with bright, vibrant patterns just like real butterflies.

July is a wonderful time to enjoy the beauty of butterflies in Britain.

So grab your hat, head outside, and see how many butterflies you can spot!





Little Beans Weymouth

Little Beans Celebrates!

What's Happening in July 2025

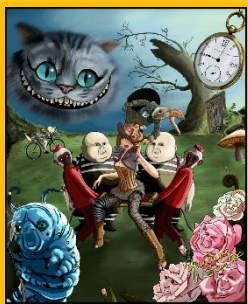
1st July – Canada Day!

We'll be learning all about Canada as we celebrate the anniversary of 1st July 1867, when the country officially became a federation. We'll explore some of Canada's natural treasures—like the famous maple tree—through stories and crafts!



5th July – Alice's Day! 🐇🕒

Time to tumble down the rabbit hole! We're celebrating Lewis Carroll's classic story, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. The children will enjoy exploring the characters, making magical potions, and hosting their very own mad hatter's tea party! We will celebrate on Thursday 3rd July.



4th July – American Independence Day!

We'll be learning about the United States of America, its Independence Day, and how life in America is both similar to and different from our own in the UK. A fun day full of facts, flags, and music!

7th July – World Chocolate Day! 🍫

We're celebrating all things chocolate! Through games and activities, we'll also talk about healthy eating and why it's important to enjoy treats as part of a balanced diet.



14th July – French Independence Day!

Known as Bastille Day, this celebration is all about France's independence! We'll learn some simple French words, discover famous landmarks, and even get to taste some traditional French food.



29th July – International Tiger Day! 🐅

We're raising awareness for the beautiful but endangered tiger. We'll learn about their habitats, how they live in the wild, and what we can do to help protect them. Expect lots of stripes and roars!



31st July – Harry Potter's Birthday! 🧙🪄

Happy birthday to Harry Potter and his creator, J.K. Rowling! We'll celebrate with stories, spells, and magical fun—perhaps a game of Quidditch or a pretend glass of butterbeer!



This month the little beans will be learning about...

-----big school!

This term, Children preparing to start school will be learning about school readiness and practicing their skills.

School readiness includes not only physical abilities like dressing themselves and managing personal hygiene but also involves emotional preparedness. We will have many discussions about school to help ensure a smooth transition and address any feelings your Little Bean may have about moving to big school, whether excitement or nervousness!

It's essential to work on a variety of gross motor skills to help develop fine motor skills. Activities like crawling or doing teddy bear rolls engage both sides of the brain, which is crucial for developing more refined skills like drawing and writing.

Children who are not yet starting school will focus on building their independence, such as putting on and taking off their shoes and engaging in plenty of mark-making activities. These are fundamental steps towards school readiness!

We'll also be helping children become more aware of transitions and changes. Many will be moving rooms soon, and we want them to feel as confident as possible during these transitions.





Little Bean’s Recipe of the Month

Fruity yoghurt pots

These colourful yoghurt pots are perfect for warm days and a lovely way to get children excited about healthy eating!

Ingredients:

- 200g Greek or natural yoghurt
- 1 tsp honey (optional – only for children over 1 year)
- A handful of berries (e.g. strawberries, raspberries, blueberries)
- 1 banana, sliced
- 1 small handful of low-sugar granola or crushed rich tea biscuits

Little Helping Hands Tips:

- 👶 Toddlers can help with spooning, layering, and naming fruits.
- 👦 Older children might enjoy designing their own “rainbow” fruit layers!

Why not try this at home and send us a photo of your little bean’s creation? We’d love to see their yummy yoghurt pots!

You’ll Need:

- Small bowls or plastic cups
- A spoon
- Child-safe knife (optional, with supervision)

How to Make It:

Prepare the Fruit 🍓

- Wash the berries and slice the banana. Children can help count the berries or place them in bowls.

Mix the Yoghurt 🥄

- In a bowl, stir the yoghurt with a little honey (if using). Let the children help mix!

Layer It Up 🍰

- In a small cup or bowl, help children add:
- A spoonful of yoghurt
- A few pieces of fruit
- A sprinkle of granola or biscuit crumbs
- Repeat for another layer if there’s room!

Top It Off 🍌

- Add a final bit of fruit on top and enjoy right away—or chill in the fridge for later.

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)	Monday 5th May 2025 Monday 26th May 2025 Monday 25th August 2025 Thursday 25th December 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	Academic year Monday 1st Sept 2025-Friday 28th Aug 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)	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



Little Beans Weymouth – June 2025

Housekeeping!

Welcome to the Team, Connie!



We're delighted to welcome Connie to our team! Connie is an apprentice working towards her level 3 and is very excited to be working with our little beans!

Little Beans Weymouth Expansion

We're so happy to announce that our new space at the Little Beans Weymouth is now officially open! This bright and welcoming area has been designed to give the children even more room to play, learn, and explore. We can't wait for everyone to enjoy all it has to offer. Thank you to you all for your support during this time!

Graduation party week 14th -18th July

We will be having a graduation party week with a bouncy castle, party games and graduation pictures. We cannot wait to celebrate this exciting transition with our bigger beans!

Tapestry

Your key person has updated your child's next steps on Tapestry! Please share what you have been working on at home, what activities your child has enjoyed recently, and any specific areas you would like us to focus on. This collaboration is a key part of our parent partnership, helping us work together to achieve your child's goals.

Make sure to regularly check Tapestry for updates, as we use it to keep parents and carers informed with important information and to share the wonderful experiences your Little Beans have with us!

Thank you – Little Beans Team Weymouth

Your child's transition to school - 2025

Please check the documents on Tapestry for a wealth of information on school readiness, including activities your children can do at home, like Fiddly Things for Little Fingers! We will keep adding new resources to help prepare your children for school, which you can participate in at home.

The Family Hub also offers various support programs, including those for starting school, communication and language, parenting, and many other early help programs.

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 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



