

Little Beans

Garland



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Superstars of September!

This month our learning focus will be **All About Me**.

We’d love to hear all about what your children have been doing over the summer, their special interests, and the important people in their lives.

By learning more about each Little Bean, we can build secure and trusting relationships, celebrate every child’s unique background, and further grow their cultural capital. This forms the foundation on which we can extend their learning and development.

At Little Beans, we place personal, social and emotional development at the very heart of our practice. Strong, supportive relationships between key persons, children, and families are central to helping each child feel safe, confident, and ready to thrive during this important transition period.



We know that starting or returning to nursery is a big step, and children can often take up to six weeks to fully settle into a new routine. To support this transition, we’d love it if you could send in a family photo and some pictures of your home. These will be shared at circle time to help your child feel secure and connected, and to give them something familiar to talk about with their friends.

What makes us who we are?

This term our Little Beans will be exploring what makes each of us unique and celebrating our wonderful differences. We’ll be focusing on developing self-confidence, self-awareness, and mutual respect — all of which are at the heart of your child’s personal, social, and emotional development.

We also love to celebrate achievements from home! Please do share any special moments or milestones so that we can recognise and enjoy them together at Little Beans.

Welcome Back!

.....September 2025

A very warm welcome back to all our returning Little Beans, and an extra special hello to those joining us for the very first time! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer break filled with sunshine, fun, and precious family memories.

We’d love to hear about your summer adventures — please do share them with us on Tapestry so we can celebrate those experiences together.

As always, we’re here to support you and your little beans every step of the way. We embrace an open-door policy, so if you ever have questions, ideas, or simply want a chat, please don’t hesitate to reach out by phone or email at any time.

Here’s to a curious and exciting term ahead!

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Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in September 2025

1st to 7th September 2025 – Zero Waste Week - The aim of this international campaign is to help householders, businesses, schools and community groups increase recycling, reduce landfill waste and participate in the circular economy.

6th September 2025 - Read a book day! The Little Beans will be devouring books on this day to absorb storytelling, rhyme and learn all about the different kinds of books! Does your Little Bean have a favourite book? Could you share a picture on Tapestry of your Little Bean with their favourite book?



8th September 2025 - International Literacy Day! An opportunity to promote the importance of literacy, a day to focus on reading, writing and mark making! We ensure we have a wide range of resources every day to support these aspects of learning. This is such an integral part of lifelong learning and a fabulous way to learn and expand our knowledge.

9th September 2025 – Teddy Bear Day! A day for appreciation of favourite teddy bears and the companionship that they offer, every day and night! Please bring in your favourite teddy bear to show your friends at circle time.



13th September 2025 - Roald Dahl Day. The Birthday of Author Roald Dahl, this day was chosen as a day to promote reading. Please think of your favourite Roald Dahl book and come dressed as a character.

19th September 2025 – Shiver me timbers, it's Talk like a Pirate Day! A full day at Little Beans full of pirate themed activities. What a fantastic, fun way to promote learning across all aspects of the curriculum but especially language, learning all about pirates and how they sail the seas!



23rd September 2025 – International day of Sign Languages. This day highlights the essential role sign language plays in building an inclusive society where Deaf individuals can fully engage in all areas of life. We will be celebrating the beauty and power of sign language, and enjoy signing songs with your little ones!

23rd September 2025 – Autumn Starts It won't be long before we embrace the blazing colours of Autumn. The autumn equinox marks the start autumn as the night becomes longer than the day, until the spring equinox when the pattern is reversed.



Eco Warriors.....

-----what can we do to be more sustainable!

At Little Beans, we believe that caring for our environment is everyone's responsibility. Respecting nature and making conscious choices to reduce, reuse, and recycle are values we share with our children every day. Together, even small changes can make a big difference!

Here are some of the ways we are putting our eco values into action:

Solar Power – We've installed solar panels to generate our own electricity, and now we're even sending some back to the national grid. This helps reduce reliance on fossil fuels and contributes to the fight against global warming.

Natural Resources – Wherever possible, we choose furniture, play equipment, and resources made from natural, eco-friendly materials that are safer for our Little Beans.

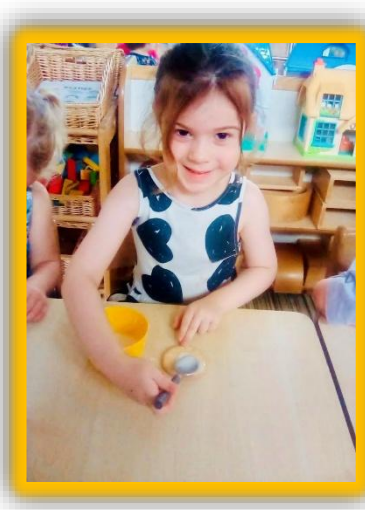
Reducing Plastic Waste – By supporting and encouraging potty training, we help reduce the number of disposable nappies sent to landfill.

Eco-Friendly Products – We promote the use of biodegradable nappies, wipes, and nappy bags. (Bonus: the biodegradable bags also double up perfectly for sending home wet clothing!)

Creative Recycling – Cardboard and paper are never wasted here — we love turning them into fun and imaginative creations!

Thoughtful Recycling – We carefully separate our waste and recycle as much as possible, including soft plastics like bread bags and cereal wrappers.

We're always looking for new ways to improve our eco credentials. Do you have any eco-friendly practices at home that we could try at Little Beans? We'd love to hear your ideas!



Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

Apple Gruffalo Crumble

What you will need:

- 4 large cooking apples
- 25g caster sugar
- 250g butter
- 250g oats

Top Tip:

- If you would like to add any other fruit to the apples, then go for it! Why not try mixed berries, cherries, or rhubarb.



How to Make them:

- Peel and chop the apples into slices and place them into an oven proof tray.
- Mix the butter, oats and caster sugar together until it makes a bread crumb texture.
- Sprinkle the mixture on top of the apples and bake in the oven for 30 mins on gas mark 7, 180 degrees until golden brown.
- You can serve this hot or cold – try adding custard to the hot dish – delicious.....
- Serve and devour

ENJOY!-----

TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:
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 2024/2025
Monday 2nd Sept 2024 – Friday 29th Aug 2025

Summer Term
31st March 2025 – 29th August 2025
(22 weeks)
Academic year 2025/2026
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)

Bank Holidays (nursery closed)

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!

Staff Team changes

We say a very fond farewell to Tamzin, who left Little Beans last month. Tamzin was with us for over two years, beginning her journey as an apprentice and qualifying as a level 3 early years practitioner. She was a much-loved and valued member of our team. We know the children and families will miss her greatly, but we are excited for the new adventures ahead and wish her every happiness for the future.



We are excited to welcome a new member of the team, Lucy Platt, has joined our baby room team. She says: *“I am excited to join the team at Little Beans to apply my passion for early childhood development and support every child’s growth. I have worked with children for over six years and recently completed my Bachelor’s degree in Primary Education with*

Qualified Teacher Status. I am deeply committed to helping young children grow and develop and I take pride in creating a nurturing, inclusive environments where every child can thrive. I am dedicated to providing the individual care and attention which will help your Little Beans feel valued and supported.”

Reminders

Spare clothes – Please pack a full change of clothes (including socks/underwear) in a named bag. Accidents, water play, and messy activities happen daily!

Weather-ready – September can be unpredictable: sun hats & water bottles on warm days; coats and wellies on rainy ones. Please name all items!

Drop-off & pick-up times – Please arrive promptly so sessions can start smoothly and staff ratios are maintained.

Open-door policy – If you have questions or concerns, remember you can contact us anytime by phone or email.

Health & safety – Please let us know if your child has any new allergies, medical needs, or if your contact details have changed.

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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Little Beans Website

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