

Little Beans

Weymouth



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September Superstars!

Welcome

A warm welcome to all our parents, carers, and children, some of who have recently joined us and some who have returned from holiday refreshed and ready to start the term ahead.

We hope you are happy with your child's settling in arrangements. To the parents of the new children starting; this will be a big step for them. We would like to assure you that here at Little Beans, we will work hard to make sure each child's needs and requirements are met. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries. Settling in!

Please remember that transition is a process, not an event. Children can often take up to six weeks to fully settle into a new routine. Over the coming weeks and month of September your child may express a range of emotions about being here, and away from you, even for those children who are returning to a relatively familiar space. I can personally assure you that the staff are experienced with supporting children in settling in. Please speak to your child's key person if you have any concerns.

Lynne – Little Beans Weymouth manager

What makes us who we are?

This month 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.

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.

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.

Baby Room Theme of the Month.....

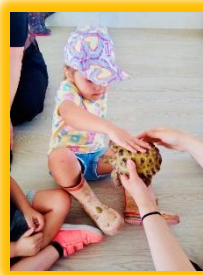
.....Little Scientists!

Babies and young children have an inbuilt drive for discovery, and so, this month we will encourage our children to observe the world and to feel a sense of wonder for everything in it.

At Little Beans we believe that all young children behave like “little scientists” in that they are eager to observe and make “what if” discoveries about their world.

We understand that babies and toddlers test the environment to see what happens when, for example, they drop a toy out of their highchair or play with the water in their bath. This drive for discovery continues to develop as they grow and become more adventurous in the things that they try out.





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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 Day, 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.



Preschool Theme of the Month.....

-----All About Me!

This month our theme is **All About Me!** What makes us who we are? Our Little Beans will be talking all about themselves and what makes them individuals!

Self-confidence and self-awareness is a key part of your child's personal, social and emotional development.

We will be looking at how to promote self-awareness and how this stems from having strong emotional awareness, accurate self-assessment, and self-confidence. In other words, it is all about knowing your emotions, your personal strengths and weaknesses, and having a strong sense of your own worth.

Please could you send your child in with a family photo and photos of their homes so we can talk about these in circle time.





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:	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 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)	 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



Little Beans Weymouth – August 2025

Housekeeping

Welcome new team member!



Chloe has joined the Little Beans Weymouth team, supporting Lauren as Baby Room Deputy Manager. We are so excited to have her on board – she brings over 7 years of experience in early years and a passion for working with babies.

Chloe is looking forward to getting to know all of our baby beans and their families, and to working closely with the team to provide the very best start for our youngest children.

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

Facebook and Instagram

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

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!

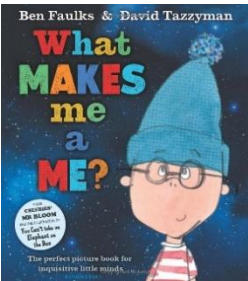
Drop-off & pick-up times – Please arrive promptly so sessions can start smoothly and staff ratios are maintained.

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.



Core Book



To support our ‘All about me’ and activities our core book for this month is ‘What makes me a me’.

This is a story about identity, in which the character compares himself to a range of animals, inanimate objects and even the naughty boy next door, concluding that, whilst there are some similarities, he is nothing like any of these and that “everybody’s different in their own special way”.

In a diverse world we know it is important for children to recognise and celebrate their own uniqueness and the uniqueness for others.



Songs for September

Falling Leaves

(sung to Jingle Bells)
A fun song to sing with scarves!

**Falling leaves
falling leaves
falling to the ground**



**Falling leaves
falling leaves
blowing round and round**

**Way up high
way down low
drifting fast and slow**



**Falling leaves
falling leaves
Oh, how the wind does blow
(blow like the wind!)**

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Five Little Bunnies



**Five little bunnies hopping through the leaves,
one went away and then there four!**

**Four little bunnies hopping through the leaves,
one went away and then there were three!**

**Three little bunnies hopping through the leaves,
one went away and then there were two**

**Two little bunnies hopping through the leaves,
one went away and then there was one.**

**One sad bunny sitting all alone. This bunny
said, “I think I’ll go home!”**

**One little bunny goes hop, hop, hop, hop, hop,
hop, hop!**

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