

Little Beans

Weymouth



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Harvest Food Bank

To all our parents, carers & children

----- FEEDING EVERYONE

This October, we’re joining many settings across the UK in focusing on food, sharing, and helping others in our community.

We invite you and your child to bring in canned and non-perishable food donations throughout the month. At the end of October, all contributions will be donated to our local food bank to support families in need.

Taking part in this activity will help children learn about kindness, compassion, and the importance of giving. They’ll also have the chance to explore where food comes from and discover different types of food along the way.



Ideas for donations include: baby food; biscuits; cereals; dried pasta; instant coffee; long-life fruit juice; long-life milk; microwaveable puddings; pasta sauces; rice; shower gel; snack bars; tea bags; tinned fruit; tinned meat and fish; tinned puddings; tinned soup; tinned vegetables; toilet rolls; vegetarian options.



This month

We are learning about.....

----- PEOPLE WHO HELP US!

Our theme in October at Little Beans is ‘People who help us’. The teachers will be using a collection of teaching resources to assist the ‘People who help us’ theme, including games, activities, stories, displays and posters. We will be looking at the range of people involved in our lives and community and how they help us! If you have any pictures of your children with ‘People who help us’, we would love you to upload them to tapestry, to help extend their learning.

At home, you could be showing your child where the phone is and how to call for help in an emergency and by teaching them important things like the name of the road you live on and door number! These pieces of information could save lives in an emergency!



We will look at people who helps us when we are feeling poorly, doctors, nurses, dentists and also talking about police and how they help keep us safe. If you have a job role that helps please feel free to email photographs or any resources, for example we would love to hear from police, dentists, doctors, fire people and anyone else who works within the community!





Little Beans Weymouth – September 2025

Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in October 2025

1st to 31st October - The Big Draw Festival Month This is a month-long festival of drawing activities which supports all ages and stages of development. We will be providing numerous mark making activities which will enhance those fine motor skills.

4th to 10th October - Space Week! We will be exploring the world around ours, looking at the solar system and even creating our very own Little Beans planet! We will enhance this through our role play too.

Friday 3rd October - World Smile Day This day was created by Harvey Ball who was the creator of the smiley! We will be thinking about all the things which put a smile on our face and understanding how this links to our emotions, for example when we are happy we smile! We love bringing smiles to you and your Little Beans. Please feel free to post on Tapestry examples of toys, activities, pet, food etc which make your Little Beans smile.

Thursday 2nd October - National Poetry Day A day for celebrating the wonderful words of poetry which bring people together. We will be exploring our favourite nursery rhymes and having a go at creating our own rhymes, exploring words which rhyme together and sound similar.

Sunday 5th October Grandparents Day -too special not to celebrate – we will celebrate on Monday 6th October! The UK's celebration of all grandparents! We will be celebrating by making personalised artwork to show our appreciation!

Saturday 18th October - World Singing Day. We will be singing all day Friday 17th October to prepare our Little Beans for this day! We are very excited to break out the microphones and to create our Little Beans music show, using musical instruments, puppets, and many more exciting props!

Wednesday 29th October - National Cat Day! A day to celebrate our feline friends! We will be learning about cats and exploring the differences for example, colours, shapes, sizes, and habitats too. If you have cats or any pets at home, please upload photos to Tapestry for us to share.

Friday 31st October - Halloween! We will be dressing up, creating our own Little Bean's magic potions, carving pumpkins and decorating delicious Halloween sweet treats! We cannot wait to see every Little Bean's favourite Halloween costume.

Seasonal Activities

----- THIS MONTH

This month, the children will enjoy a variety of fun activities to support their learning about the Autumn season.

They'll be creating autumn leaves with salt dough and paint, exploring seasonal materials like conkers, leaves, pinecones, and autumn animals in the sensory tray, and experimenting with leaf printing using autumn-coloured paints.

We'll also be learning a seasonal song to celebrate all the sights, sounds, and colours of Autumn!



Diwali 2025

The children will also be learning about Diwali, listening to stories and learning about why we celebrate this festival.

We will be using paper, scissors, glue and glitter to make lanterns and firework pictures and we will bake some Diwali sugar cookies!





Little Bean’s Recipe of the Month

Sausage, mash and minted peas

----- INGREDIENTS

- Desired amount of sausages
- Desired amount of potatoes
- 100g peas
- 40g lemon juice
- 80ml vinegar
- 100ml boiling water
- 40g sugar
- 1 packet of fresh mint

Top Tip:

This goes well with lamb, also try mixing the mint sauce in with the gravy depending how strong you like the taste.

----- METHOD

1. Place the sausages in the oven to cook on gas mark 6 for 25 minutes.
2. Whilst they are cooking chop the potatoes and place in a pot to boil. (peeling them is optional)
3. Place the peas in a different pot to boil.
4. During the time they are boiling finely chop the mint and put in a jug, add the lemon juice, water, vinegar and sugar and mix well.
5. Drain the peas and add the minted mixture to them and leave on the hob for 5 minutes to simmer.
6. When serving use a slotted spoon so the excess water drains of the peas.
7. Once the potatoes are cooked, drain and mash with some butter and milk.
8. Take the sausages from the oven when cooked and serve alongside the mash and peas!

-----Enjoy!

	TERM DATES FOR ALL YEAR ROUND (AYR) CHILDREN:	Bank Holidays (nursery closed)
TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:	Academic year Monday 2 nd September 2024 – Friday 29 th August 2025	Monday 5 th May 2025
Summer term	Summer Term 31 st March 2025 – 29 th August 2025 (22 weeks)	Monday 26 th May 2025
Term 1 – Monday 21st April 2025 – Friday 23 rd May 2025		Monday 25 th August 2025
Half term – Monday 26 th May 2025 – Friday 30 th May 2025		Thursday 25 th December 2025
Term 2 – Monday 2 nd June 2025 – Friday 18 th July 2025	Academic year Monday 1 st Sept 2025-Friday 28 th Aug 2026	Friday 26 th December 2025
Summer Holidays – Monday 21 st July 2025 – Friday 29 th August 2025	Autumn term 1st September 2025 – Friday 19th December 2025 (16 weeks)	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
Autumn Term	Spring Term 22nd December 2025 - January 2026 – 28th March 2026 (13 weeks)	
Term 1 – Monday 1st September 2025 – Friday 24th October 2025	Summer Term 31st March 2026 – 29 th August 2026 (22 weeks)	
Half term – Monday 27th October 2025 – Friday 31st October 2025		
Term 2 – Monday 3rd November 2025 – Friday 12th December 2025		

Housekeeping!

A big congratulations to our Lilli who recently passed her Level 2 Early Years Apprenticeship! We are looking forward to Lilli continuing her journey with us and enrolling in her Level 3 course.



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

We would like to say a heartfelt farewell to Luc Scadden, our Admin Manager, who has made the decision to join his family business. Luc has been a valued member of our team, and we wish him every success and happiness in this exciting new chapter.

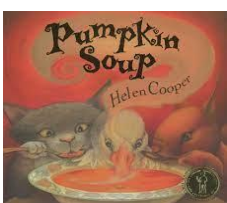


At the same time, we're delighted to welcome Shannon Matthews as our new Admin Manager. Shannon brings a wealth of experience as a Level 3 Early Years Teacher and is also a proud mum of two young children. Her background gives her a deep understanding of the

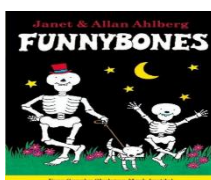
importance of clear, timely communication—especially in language that is accessible and supportive to all. We look forward to the fresh perspective and energy Shannon will bring to the role!

**PARENT'S
EVENING
20th OCTOBER**
Please call the
office to book
your time!

Books of the month.....



'Pumpkin Soup' is a beautifully illustrated book by Helen Cooper that tells the story of three friends: Cat, Duck and Squirrel, who live together in a cabin in the woods and make pumpkin soup every day. The story explores the themes of friendship, cooperation, conflict and reconciliation. The children will learn the importance of being a good friend by sharing and taking turns and how their actions can impact on others. They will make their own pumpkin soup, use the seeds to create beautiful autumn pictures and make pumpkin lanterns.



'Funnybones' is about a big skeleton, a little skeleton and a dog skeleton live in the dark cellar of a dark house on a dark hill. The skeletons venture out one dark night to find someone to scare, but...oh no! Everybody is in bed! Luckily, they can always amuse themselves by scaring each other... until they find some others who want to play too: the skeleton animals in the zoo! A deliciously spooky, wonderfully imaginative classic by Janet and Allen Ahlberg.



Songs of the Month

All the Leaves are Falling Down

This can be sung to the tune of London Bridge is Falling Down. This is a fun song to sing when you are going on a leaf hunt with children.

*All the leaves are falling down,
Falling down, falling down.
All the leaves are falling down,
All around the town.*



*Walk around and pick them up,
Pick them up, pick them up.
Walk around and pick them up
All around the town.*

Dingle Dangle Scarecrow

*When all the cows were sleeping (hands folded to side of head)
and the sun had gone to bed
Up jumped the scarecrow (jump up)
and this is what he said,
“I’m a dingle dangle scarecrow (hold hands out to side)
with a flippy floppy hat, (pretend to tip hat)
I can shake my hands like this (shake hands to out to side)
and shake my feet like that.” (shake each foot)*

*When all the hens were rousting (put arms in chicken wings)
and the moon behind a cloud,
Up jumped the scarecrow (jump up)
and shouted very loud,
“I’m a dingle dangle scarecrow (hold hands out to side)
with a flippy floppy hat, (pretend to tip hat)
I can shake my hands like this (shake hands to out to side)
and shake my feet like that.” (shake each foot)*

Scarecrow, Scarecrow

(Alternative version of Teddy bear, Teddy bear)
Scarecrow, scarecrow turn around (Turn around)
Scarecrow, scarecrow touch the ground (Bend over and touch the ground)
Scarecrow, scarecrow reach up high (Reach up)
Scarecrow, scarecrow touch the sky (Tap hands at the sky)
Scarecrow, scarecrow bend down low (Bend down)
Scarecrow, scarecrow touch your toes (Touch your toes)



Five Little Monsters

*Five little monsters jumping on the bed.
One fell off and bumped her head.
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,
“No more monsters jumping on the bed.”*

*Four little monsters jumping on the bed.
One fell off and bumped her head.
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,
“No more monsters jumping on the bed.”*

*Three little monsters jumping on the bed.
One fell off and bumped her head.
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,
No more monsters jumping on the bed.”*

*Two little monsters jumping on the bed.
One fell off and bumped her head.
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,
“No more monsters jumping on the bed.”*

*One little monster jumping on the bed.
She fell off and bumped her head.
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,
“No more monsters jumping on the bed.”*