

Little Beans

Garland



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Christmas Performances!

Come and watch your Little Beans.....

---- ‘YOU’RE INVITED!’

Pre-school - Join us for our Christmas Performance — singing along is a must! Longfleet School Hall on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 @ 10am to approx. 10.30am All Little Beans are invited to come dressed in a festive Christmas outfit and show off their wonderful singing skills. If your Little Bean does not usually attend on Tuesdays, please bring them to Longfleet for 9:30am so they can join their friends for the performance.

2's Room: All Little Beans are welcome to join us for Stay and Play wearing their best Christmas outfit — or anything that makes them feel festive! Wednesday 3rd December 2025 @ 9.45am to approx. 10.30am at Longfleet School Hall If your Little Bean does not usually attend on Wednesdays, please bring them to Longfleet for 9:45am so they can join their friends for the performance.



Baby Room: All our Baby Beans parents are invited to join the Baby Room team to a fun and festive morning on Wednesday 3rd December 2025 from 10:00am to approximately 11:00am. Feel free to dress your Baby Beans in their Christmas best and come on down to celebrate with us!

There will be lots of festive activities set up around the room, along with plenty of Christmas music we’re sure your Baby Beans will enjoy! And of course, we all know how much they love to dance!

What better way to start the Christmas season than with a festive party! We’ll be hosting our Christmas Party on 9th December 2025 all day long. The celebration will be packed with games, a Christmas dinner, and plenty of festive fun.

If this isn’t your child’s usual day to attend, please contact the office team to book them in for the session. We can’t wait to celebrate with you all!

This month

----- WE WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT – FESTIVALS, FAITHS & RELIGIONS

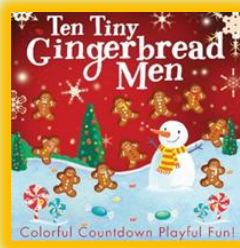
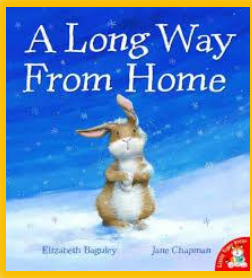
We will be engaging in lots of activities where we will learn all about the different cultures and festivals around the world. On Tuesday 16th December the children will be learning about Hanukkah, they will be making and decorating their own menorah in celebration of Sabbath.

Did you know that the 25th of December is also considered to be the birthday of Hindu god, Krishna as well as Mirtha the Greek god of light!

We will be exploring how to build a snowman, and how to decorate a Christmas tree!

The Little Beans will be making lots of Christmas and festival themed crafts, including cards and decorations! If you would like your child’s Christmas craft to be addressed to someone in particular, then please let a member of the team know!

These are some of the books we will be exploring this month too:





Nurture your Little Bean into a book worm!

----- READING

The EYFS Curriculum highlights that “it is crucial for children to develop a lifelong love of reading.” Reading from birth has proven benefits for learning, development, and future success — so let’s make reading a daily habit!

Here are some fun ways to enjoy reading with your Little Bean:

- **Snuggle up and read together** every day! Create a special spot for your books to make reading time extra cosy.
- **Visit your local library** and explore all the different books available to borrow.
- **Bring stories to life** by acting them out! Use different voices, take on characters, and add humour to make the story exciting.
- **Talk about how reading works** — point out that we read from left to right and encourage your Little Bean to trace words with their fingers.
- **Have fun with familiar stories and songs** by making little mistakes and letting your Little Bean spot them!
- **Notice words everywhere** — read shop signs, labels on food, and other words in your environment together.
- **Create picture books** together, where your Little Bean can illustrate and tell their own stories.

Reading is fun, interactive, and a wonderful way to bond — so enjoy every moment with your Little Bean!



Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in December 2025

14th December 2025 to 22nd December 2025 — Hanukkah! Also known as the Festival of Lights or the Feast of Dedication, the holiday celebrates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. The holiday takes place for eight nights and days, commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple.

4th December 2025 — International Cheetah Day! The world’s fastest land animal is racing against extinction. This day is about raising awareness of the cheetah’s imminent extinction and we will be making all sorts of fabulous cheetah themed crafts and trying to recreate their amazing patterns as well as releasing our inner cheetahs in some races!

12th December 2025 - Christmas Jumper Day! An event organised by Save the Children to help raise money for children worldwide. Come wearing your best Christmas Jumper!! We will also be having our Christmas Party on this day!

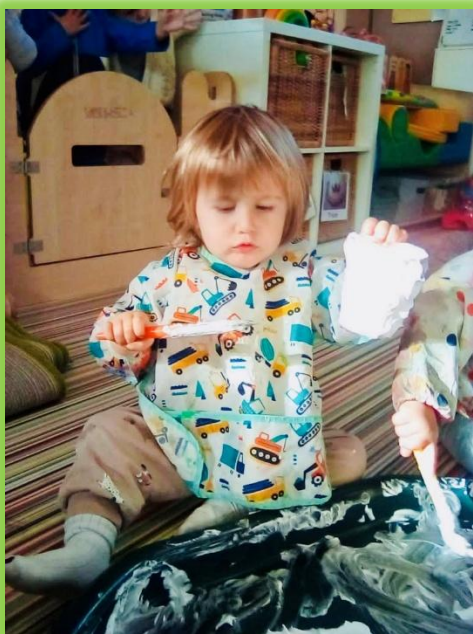
16th December 2025 —Jane Austen Day! Jane Austen’s birthday, and a day dedicated to celebrating her life and achievements, and to telling as many people as possible about her amazing works. We will be celebrating by reading and writing our own books and stories to channel our inner author!

21st December 2025 – National Robin Day! (We will celebrate on 22nd December) An annual nationwide event raising awareness of small birds and other wildlife in winter. We will be exploring how we can help them through this tough and chilly time of year!

21st December 2025 — Winter officially begins! The shortest day of the year marks the start of winter. We will be exploring seasons, and what the signs of winter are! We will be experimenting with ice and snow, as well as making lots of winter themed arts and crafts. Winter ends on 20 March 2026!

24th and 25th December 2025 — Christmas Eve and Christmas! In the run up to the Christmas break, we will be talking about Christmas and how thankful we are to be spending it with our families, and talking about the presents we have shared with each other and our loved ones!





Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

Morrocan Spiced Couscous

----- **INGREDIENTS**

- 400g Couscous
- 500ml Boiling water
- 100g Sultanas
- 1 Pepper - cubed
- 1 Courgette - cubed
- 2 Carrots - cubed
- 1 Red onion - sliced
- 1 Tin of black beans - drained
- 1 Carton tomato passata
- 2 tbsp Moroccan seasoning
- 1 tbsp oil

----- **METHOD**

1. Put the oil in a glass or ceramic tray and add the pepper, courgette, carrot and onions.
2. Roast for 15 minutes.
3. In a pot, add the water, black beans, passata and sultanas and simmer for 5 minutes.
4. Add the couscous to the water and mix well.
5. Add the Moroccan seasoning and mix well.
6. Remove from the heat and cover with tinfoil and a lid.
7. Leave to stand for 10 minutes.
8. Mix the couscous well and add in the roasted vegetables.

Top Tip:

Couscous is a type of pasta that tastes great hot or cold and can be found in most supermarkets. It works well with chicken, cheese and dried fruit. 😊

-----Enjoy!

TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:

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

Spring Term

Term 1 – Monday 5th January 2026 – Friday 13th February 2026

Half Term – Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026

Term 2 – Monday 23rd February 2026 – Friday 27th March 2026

Easter Holiday – Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026

TERM DATES FOR ALL YEAR ROUND (AYR) CHILDREN:

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 - 5 January 2026 – 28th March 2026 (13 weeks)

Summer Term 31st March 2026 – 29th August 2026 (22 weeks)

Bank Holidays (nursery closed)

Thursday 25th December 2025

Friday 26th December 2025

Thursday 1st January 2026

Friday 3rd April 2026

Monday 6th April 2026

Monday 25th May 2026

Monday 31st August 2026

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 on an outing to Poole Harbour!

Housekeeping!

Reminders

We have noticed that some parents are using the forecourt to park while collecting children from school rather than from nursery!

Please remember that the car park is reserved exclusively for nursery collections. At 3pm in particular, spaces are very limited and must remain available for parents collecting from the nursery. Thank you for your cooperation.

We would like to remind all parents that if a child has been given Calpol, they cannot attend nursery, even if it was given as a precaution.

Over the past few weeks, we have noticed several instances of children being brought to nursery after receiving Calpol in the morning. Please help us keep all children safe and well by adhering to this policy. Thank you for your understanding.

Christmas Holiday Club

Join us for some festive fun this Christmas Holidays!

Book now to secure your space. Check out our website for more details. Holiday Club prices are available to those children aged 5yrs to 12yrs. Additional sessions also available for our Little Beans aged under 5 too! We will be doing lots of fabulous activities such as making angels, baking and going out to the library. Please get in touch if you would like to book in your not so Little Bean!

We look forward to seeing our All Year-Round children from Friday 2nd January 2026, and our Term Time Only children from Monday 5th January 2026.

We wish you all a wonderful festive season!

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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