

# Little Beans

Weymouth



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## Happy New Year- 2026

### ----- WELCOME BACK LITTLE BEANS!

We would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all of our children, families, and staff following the Christmas break, and a special welcome to the new families joining us. We hope you all enjoyed a restful and joyful holiday, spending special time with those closest to you.

This month, our focus will be on supporting the children as they settle back into nursery routines. We will also be exploring themes of friendship and celebration, giving the children opportunities to talk about their experiences during the holidays. The children love sharing their stories, and we always enjoy listening and learning alongside them.



As we head into 2026, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful Little Beans teachers for everything they do each day to support and inspire the children.

We are also so grateful to our families for your continued support and partnership — it truly means so much to us and helps us build strong, caring relationships together.

And a very big thank you to all of our Little Beans children. Watching you play, explore, and learn each day brings us so much joy. We can't wait to see all the smiles, moments of wonder, and happy discoveries that 2026 will bring as we continue learning and growing together.

### This month

#### ----- WE WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT – WEATHER AND SEASONS

This month, we will be learning all about the different types of weather and how it can vary across the world!

We'll explore the four seasons, discussing the typical weather we might expect in each one, while also thinking about just how unpredictable weather can sometimes be.

Together, we'll seek to answer questions like:

- Why do leaves fall off the trees?
- Where do insects and animals go when it gets chilly outside?
- How do they stay cool in the summer?
- Why do some plants only bloom in the summer?
- How can we keep ourselves warm during colder?
- What should we do to stay safe when the weather is warm?





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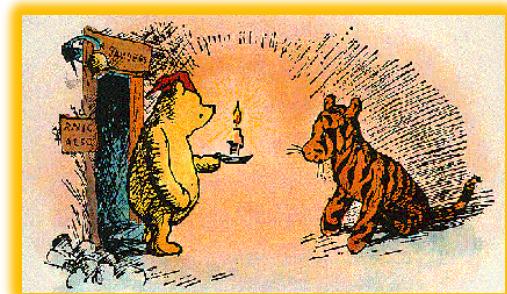
## Little Beans Celebrates!

### Events in January 2026

**4<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – A day to raise awareness of the importance of Braille as a means of communication. (We will celebrate on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026). At little Beans we will be looking at Braille, as well as learning about others ways of communicating.

**5<sup>th</sup> January 2026** - the twelfth day after Christmas and the official end of the Christmas season, the first few days back after the Christmas break, we will talk about and share our Christmas experiences and memories with each other.

**18<sup>th</sup> January 2026** - Winnie the Pooh Day! (we will celebrate on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026). A day to celebrate author A. A Milne's birthday, Winnie the Pooh day celebrated the beloved honey-obsessed bear! We will be holding Teddy Bear's picnics and making honey-flavoured treats!



**21<sup>st</sup> January 2026** - Red Squirrel Appreciation Day! Red squirrels are native to the UK but at risk, on this day we will be exploring these colourful fluffy animals and talking about their habitats as well as ways to protect them! Did you know that Brownsea Island is one of the few places left in the UK where you can catch a glimpse of a red squirrel?



**25<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – Burns Night! A Scottish celebration to commemorate Scotland's national poet Robert Burns! In the run up to Burns Night, we will be talking about traditional dishes eaten on this night such as fish soup, as well as exploring Scottish traditions and customs such as tartan patterning and the sound of bagpipes!

**26<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – Australia Day! We will be learning all about Australia and the land down under and discussing the different animals, weather patterns and traditions they have!



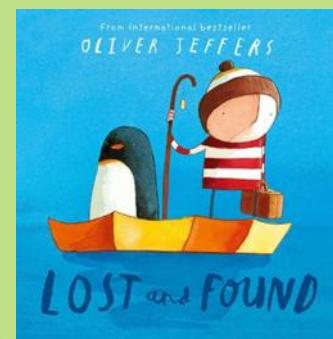
**28<sup>th</sup> January 2026** - Lego Day! The date which marks when the first 2x4 Lego brick was patented and to celebrate the fantastic journey of imagination which a simple Lego brick can take us on! We will be building and creating all day using lots of different materials and resources to show the power of the imagination and bricks!

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2026** – International Zebra Day! (we will celebrate on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026). On this day we will be celebrating all that is stripey and learning about these fantastic black and white beasts! We will be learning all sorts of fun facts such as how each Zebra's stripes are unique just like our fingerprints are!



## BOOKS OF THE MONTH!

----- Happy reading



This term we will be starting our learning with a story called 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers.

If you are not familiar with the book, it tells the tale about a boy and one day a penguin arrives on his doorstep.

The boy decides the penguin must be lost and tries to return him. But no one seems to be missing a penguin. So the boy decides to take the penguin home himself, and they set out in his row boat on a journey to the South Pole.

But when they get there, the boy discovers that maybe home wasn't what the penguin was looking for after all!

We will be using the story as a starting point to looking at the polar regions, discussing the concepts of hot + cold, floating + sinking and lost + found.





## Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

### Basic Quiche that you can turn into Queen of Quiche's!

#### ----- INGREDIENTS -----

- 9oz plain flour
- 4 oz butter
- 4-5 tbsp iced water
- 3 onions
- 5 eggs
- 350l milk or cream
- 100g cheese

#### Top Tip:

If you're not a fan of onion; try switching it out for something else. Once you have mastered this basic recipe, make your Queen of Quiche by adding the things you love to eat - like tomatoes, bacon, broccoli or even a different type of cheese or two! ☺

#### ----- METHOD -----

1. Place the butter and flour into a bowl and mix into breadcrumbs.
2. Once in breadcrumb form, slowly add the water and mix until it makes a dough.
3. Place into a baking dish and bake for 20 mins on gas mark 7.
4. Whilst the base is cooking; put the milk/cheese and eggs into a bowl along with the onions (chopped) and cheese (grated).
5. Use a whisk to mix the ingredients together until lightly fluffy.
6. Add the mixture to the part baked base and place back in the oven for a further 30 mins. Enjoy hot or cold with salad and/or chips.

-----Enjoy!

#### Bank Holidays (nursery closed)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
 Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026  
 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
 Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026

Closed for Christmas! ☺

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2025 –  
 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 inclusive  
 and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 (Bank  
 holiday closed)

Re-open on the Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
 2026

#### TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:

Autumn Term  
 Term 1 – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
 Half term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025  
 Term 2 – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Spring Term  
 Term 1 – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
 Half Term – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
 Term 2 – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
 Easter Holiday – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

#### TERM DATES FOR ALL YEAR ROUND (AYR) CHILDREN:

Academic year 2025/2026  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2025 -Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 2026

Autumn term 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 (16 weeks)

Spring Term 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (13 weeks)

Summer Term 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 – 29<sup>th</sup> August 2026 (22 weeks)



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## Housekeeping!

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

As you know, we are strong advocates for giving children daily access to fresh air and outdoor play in our nursery garden. Spending time outside not only supports children's physical and emotional wellbeing, but also helps them develop a meaningful connection with nature. Being outdoors can enhance concentration, self-regulation, and positive behaviour, while also supporting teamwork, social skills, and learning how to manage and resolve conflicts.

With this in mind, please ensure your child comes to nursery dressed appropriately for outdoor play, including a warm coat and hat. As we will continue to enjoy the garden in all types of weather, we would also appreciate it if you could provide a waterproof all-in-one and a pair of wellies where possible.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make outdoor learning a fun and valuable part of each day.

### Tapestry

Just a polite reminder to please check Tapestry regularly for updates. We try to be quite eco conscious of how much paper we are printing which is why we use Tapestry as a communication method to share letters, important dates and newsletters.

Also we love to hear from parents on Tapestry, to see photos of things you do at home so please do remember to share and make comments. This is really important as it tells us what your child is interested at home, which we use as a starting point for their learning at Little Beans.

### 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'

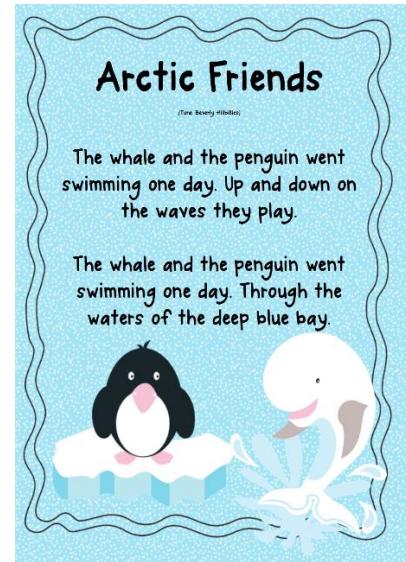
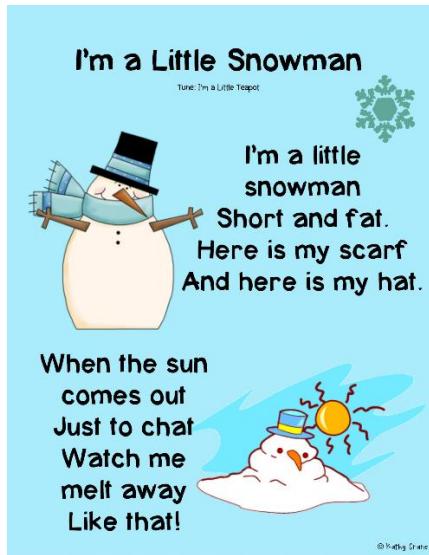
### Little Beans Website

Our website also has lots of useful information which we update 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](http://www.littlebeansdaycare.com)



# January 2026 – we will be singing.....



**Sung to: "Frere Jacques"**

*Dance like snowflakes  
Dance like snowflakes  
In the air  
In the air  
Whirling, twirling, snowflakes  
Whirling, twirling, snowflakes  
Here and there  
Here and there.*

**Sung to: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"**

*Snowflakes, snowflakes, dance around,  
Snowflakes, snowflakes, touch the ground  
Snowflakes, snowflakes, in the air  
Snowflakes, snowflakes, everywhere  
Snowflakes, snowflakes, dance around  
Snowflakes, snowflakes, touch the ground*