

# Little Beans

Weymouth



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## Marching on!

----- SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Throughout the month of March, we will be exploring the many changes that spring brings, discovering how things grow and transform over time. The children will learn about seasonal plants and flowers such as blossom, bluebells, and daffodils. Using their fine motor skills, they will carefully take flowers apart to investigate their different parts, using petals and stems for mark-making and creative exploration. We'll also enhance our sensory play by adding flowers to our playdough and introducing the calming scents of rose and lavender essential oils.

Our growing project will continue as we learn more about the signs of spring and what this special season brings. The children will plant seeds and observe the changes as they begin to grow. During circle time, we will share spring-themed poems and explore photographs of spring animals and flowers, encouraging discussion and curiosity.

March is a truly beautiful time of year, and we will celebrate the arrival of spring by creating magical spring potions outdoors.

The children will also be introduced to *The Four Seasons* by Antonio Vivaldi, exploring movement and expression inspired by the music while discussing how it makes us feel.

Together, we will transform our garden space by introducing a bug hotel, a garden centre role-play area, and a creative “junk yard” for imaginative construction and play.

The children are excited to start planting seeds and watching the changes over time.

We will also be looking at ‘our natural world’. The natural world includes plants and animals, soil, rocks, water, and air. Things can be described, compared, and classified on the basis of their characteristics. Nature includes living and non-living things. Living things need food, water, air, and shelter, and can move, grow, and reproduce.

Fun activities this month include learning about recycling to protect our nature, counting how many bugs we see in the garden, learning how to help our environment etc. Throughout nursery, children will do age appropriate activities, using the seven areas of the EYFS curriculum.

## This month in Baby Room we will be exploring

----- AWE AND WONDER.....

This month, we'll be exploring lights, bubbles, different textures, natural objects, and lots of sensory play to spark curiosity.

Now that the weather is getting nicer (☀) we will be spending time outdoors noticing the sky, leaves, birds and sounds around us.

These experiences help support babies communication, physical development and understanding of the world, through play and exploration ♡

We can't wait to show you what we get up to ✨





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# Little Beans Celebrates!

## Events in March 2026

**1<sup>st</sup> March: St David's Day** We will be celebrating on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, the patron saint of Wales by looking at the Welsh flag and making daffodils to wear! We will also look at the Welsh landscape and seeing if we can find similarities and differences between our own!

**5<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day** Annual celebration of books and reading celebrated by reading, book related activities and dressing up as characters from books. At Little Beans we will be encouraging all to dress up as their favourite book or nursery rhyme character! We will be looking at all types of books and stories and seeing if we can make up any stories of our own!



**8<sup>th</sup> March: International Women's Day** - we will celebrate on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. This annual event celebrates all the amazing things women have achieved. It is a way to show how women have and continue to influence the world. We will celebrate it on 10<sup>th</sup> March and talk about and celebrate the brilliant women we know in our Little Beans circle of families and friends.

**15<sup>th</sup> March: Mother's Day At Little Beans** in the run up to Mother's Day we will be thinking all about the special women in our lives and thinking of kind ways to show our appreciation for them!

**18<sup>th</sup> March: Global Recycling Day** We are asking all Little Beans to bring something in for a junk modelling competition! We love to reuse and recycle here at Little Beans and will be working together to use junk modelling to make some fantastic creations!

**20<sup>th</sup> March: Red Nose Day** At Little Beans we will be fundraising for Comic Relief by dressing up in something red! We will be doing lots of fun activities through the day to make us smile and laugh like telling jokes, playing group games and doing some baking!

**20<sup>th</sup> March: Spring Equinox @ 2.46pm** The equinox marks the day when day and night are the same lengths all over the world, with the word equinox literally meaning 'equal night' in Latin. Spring begins!

**21<sup>st</sup> March: World Down Syndrome Day** - we will celebrate this day on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Little Beans will be fundraising for Down syndrome association. We are asking that you let your child pick the craziest socks to help raise money for this fantastic charity, who support children with down syndrome and their families.

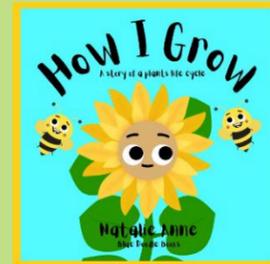
**28<sup>th</sup> March: Wear a Hat Day:** This fundraising day is in aid of Brain Tumour Research. Wear A Hat Day arrives as the culmination of weeks of awareness and campaigning as part of Brain Tumour Awareness Month. We will all wear fun hats on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026!



**29<sup>th</sup> March: Daylight saving begins** today, so remember that the clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am in the morning!

BOOK OF THE MONTH!

----- Happy reading



This colourful, beautifully designed children's book follows the story of a little plant's life cycle. From seed to fully grown plant and beyond to the next generation.

Written from the point of view of the plant. This children's book is designed for younger children to capture their curiosity and increase their knowledge through this fun, rhyming, heart-warming story.





# Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

## Lemon Drizzle Cake

### ----- INGREDIENTS

- 250g Butter
- 250g Sugar
- 250g Self Raising Flour
- 3 Eggs
- 2 Lemons
- 100g Icing Sugar
- 5g Baking Powder

### Top Tip:

Swap the lemons for oranges and make an Orange Drizzle Cake instead!

### ----- METHOD

1. Preheat oven to gas mark 5 or 200 degrees.
2. Mix the butter, sugar and eggs together.
3. Grate 2 lemon zests and add to the mixture.
4. Add the juice of 1 lemon.
5. Fold in the flour and baking powder.
6. Bake in oven for 20 minutes or until golden brown!
7. Juice the second lemon and add the icing sugar.
8. Make fork pricks in the cake to allow for better absorption.
9. Drizzle the lemon icing sugar over the top of the cake once cooked.

-----Enjoy!

### 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)

### Bank Holidays 2026 (nursery closed)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2026

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2026



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# Housekeeping!

## Welcome



We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mollie who has joined the Little Beans team.

Mollie is studying for her Level 3 in Childcare and is so excited about getting to know the children and meeting all of you lovely parents.

## 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](http://www.littlebeansdaycare.com)

## Tapestry

We would like to say a special thank you to all of our parents for your continued contributions to your children's home learning on Tapestry. We truly value the wonderful moments you share with us and are really looking forward to seeing the Spring activities and experiences coming through!

If you experience any issues with Tapestry or receiving notifications, do let us know and we will be happy to help.

## Reminders

A gentle reminder to please ensure fee invoices are paid promptly. This helps us avoid spending valuable time chasing payments. A big thank you to all of you who consistently pay on time – we really appreciate it.

Please also remember to reconfirm your HMRC codes and eligibility directly with HMRC every few months. Keeping this up to date helps everything run much more smoothly at our end 😊

Finally, please ensure all children's clothing and bottles are clearly labelled.

Thank you!



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

### **Bunny Pokey**

#### **Sung to: "Hokey Pokey"**

*You put your bunny ears in (Place hands on head to make ears)*

*You put your bunny ears out.*

*You put your bunny ears in.*

*And you shake them all about.*

*You do the Bunny Pokey*

*And hop yourself around,*

*That's what it's all about!!*

### **5 Green Shamrocks**

#### **(Put your child's name into the rhyme)**

*Five green shamrocks, sitting by my door (Name) picked one and then there were four*

*Four green shamrocks, green as green could be, (Name) picked one and then there were three*

*Three green shamrocks, sitting by my shoe (Name) picked one and then there were two*

*Two green shamrocks enjoying the sun (Name) picked one and then there was one*

*One green shamrock for St Patrick's day fun (Name) picked one and then there were none.*

### **Mother's Day Song**

#### **Sung to: "You are my sunshine"**

*I love you mummy, my dearest mummy*

*You make me happy when I am sad*

*I want to tell you I really love you!*

*When I'm with you I am so glad!*

### **Thank You, Mum**

#### **Sung to: "London Bridge"**

*Thank you, Mom, for all your hugs,*

*All your hugs, all your hugs.*

*Thank you Mom, for all your hugs,*

*They feel good to me.*

*Thank you Mom for all your kisses*

*All your kisses, all your kisses.*

*Thank you Mom for all your kisses,*

*They feel good to me.*

*Thank you Mom for all your love*

*All your love, all your love.*

*Thank you Mom for all your love,*

*It feels good to me.*

