

Little Beans

Garland



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Hello Summertime!

Welcome warm weather

We're delighted to be welcoming the warmer weather this month and can't wait to spend even more time outdoors, observing the changes in our environment as spring into summer blossoms around us!

With this in mind, we kindly ask that you ensure your Little Bean comes prepared with plenty of spare clothing and items suitable for all weathers.

Whether we're dancing in the rain or planting flowers in the sunshine, we'll be making the most of our time outside, whatever the forecast.

We absolutely love exploring the seasons and learning alongside nature. This month, we're excited to get out into the garden, breathe in the fresh spring air, and see what we can grow!

If you have any plant cuttings or handy tips for gardening in true British weather, we'd love for you to share them with us!

Here's to a wonderful springtime of exploring, learning, and growing together.



This month

We will be learning about.....

Stories and Books!

Throughout April, our Little Beans will be diving into the wonderful world of literature! We'll be exploring all things storytelling.

Sharing stories, talking, and singing every day plays a vital role in children's development. It helps them tune in to sounds, words, and language, laying the foundations for early literacy skills. Through our activities this month, our Little Beans will grow their love of books and stories, while igniting their imaginations and natural curiosity.

Reading supports brain development, improves focus and concentration, and builds important social and communication skills. To bring our stories to life, the Little Beans will enjoy role play, acting out familiar tales, and using small world resources to develop their storytelling abilities — all while learning to tell the difference between 'real' and 'make-believe'.

There will be plenty of sensory fun too, as we use messy play to explore which porridge is too hot, too cold, or just right — inspired by the tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Stories also help children understand emotions. This month, we'll be using books and characters to explore feelings — thinking about how we might feel in different situations and how we can make others (and ourselves!) feel happy.

We're looking forward to a magical month full of storytelling, imagination, and discovery!



Playing again!

----- The Power of Outdoor Play in Early Years

Last month we wrote about the importance of Play. Well spring is the perfect time to get outside, and research shows that outdoor play is not just fun—it's essential for children's development.

Playing outside supports children physically, helping them run, climb, balance, and build coordination, while also boosting their confidence and resilience.

Outdoor environments encourage creativity and problem-solving, as children explore, experiment, and interact with their peers in unstructured, imaginative play.

Spending time in nature also benefits emotional wellbeing. Children who play outside regularly are often calmer, more confident, and better able to manage their emotions.

Outdoor play supports communication and language development, too, as children talk about what they see, ask questions, and describe their experiences.

At Little Beans, we encourage daily outdoor learning, giving children opportunities to explore the world around them, discover new things, and develop vital skills—all while having lots of fun!



Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in April 2026

1st April - April Fool's Day!

Celebrated all over the world as a morning of jokes and tricks - but don't play a trick after noon - or you are the fool! The Little Beans will be talking about the jokes and tricks they played on their families and trying hard to make each other laugh!

Easter (Easter Friday 3rd April, Easter Sunday 5th April and Easter Monday 6th April)

The Little Beans will be talking about Easter the first week of April and engaging in activities based around Easter and Spring! We will be searching high and low for Easter Eggs, trying hot cross buns and seeing who can design the best Easter Egg!

2nd April - International Children's Book Day

The Little Beans will be celebrating books and stories all month long in celebration of international children's book day and talking about our favourites!

22nd April - World Earth Day

Worldwide event to raise awareness of the environmental issues which face the whole of planet Earth! The Little Beans will be using this day to engage in lots of recycling and junk modelling activities, as well as talking about our home and how important it is to look after our World.



23rd April - St George's Day

The patron saint of England's bravery will be celebrated by talking all about how we are brave! We will also be looking at the England flag and designing our own!



25th April - Penguin Day

We will celebrate this day on Monday 27th April. Awareness day to highlight the dangers that penguin's habitats face, as well as the number of penguin species which are endangered.



29th April - International Dance Day

A celebration day for those who can see the value and importance of the art form "dance". The Little Beans will try out all their dance moves!

REMINDER! WE ARE CLOSED:

- GOOD FRIDAY - 3rd April 2026
- EASTER MONDAY - 6th April 2026



Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

Vegetable Stir Fry

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Carton of Tomato Passata
- 1 Vegetable Stock Cube
- 20ml of Soy Sauce
- 1/2 tbsp of Ground Garlic
- 1 tbsp of Chinese 5 Spice
- 250g of Mixed Vegetables
- 200g of Rice or Noodles

Top Tip:

If you want to add chicken or pork, fry the meat separately in a little oil until cooked through and then add to the noodle and vegetable mix after step 5

METHOD

1. Boil the rice or noodles for 15 minutes then add the vegetables and boil for a further 15 minutes.
2. Drain the noodles and vegetables and then add the passata and soy sauce, mix well.
3. Simmer on a medium heat for 10 minutes.
4. Add the spices to the mixture and simmer for a further 15 minutes.
5. Add boiling water if necessary.

-----Enjoy!

TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:

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

Summer Term

Term 1 – Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 22nd May 2026

Half Term – Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026

Term 2 – Monday 1st June 2026 – Friday 17th July 2026

Summer Holidays – Monday 20th July 2026 – Friday 28th August 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 - 5th January 2026 – 28th March 2026 (13 weeks)

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

Bank Holidays 2026 (nursery closed)

Thursday 1st January 2026

Friday 3rd April 2026

Monday 6th April 2026

Monday 4th May 2026

Monday 25th May 2026

Monday 31st August 2026

Friday 25th December 2026

Monday 28th December 2026



Housekeeping!

New Faces



We welcome **Gracie** an apprentice joining the 2's room and working towards her Level 2 Early Years.

Having "had young family members in my extended family whilst growing up I have always enjoyed seeing them develop I am now in the fortunate position of being able to be part of the development of children as a job through my Little Beans apprenticeship."



Megan joins the Preschool Room as an apprentice.

"I'm keen to learn as much as I can and build my skills every day... I'm really excited to be part of the Little Beans team and to play a small role in helping each child develop, have fun, and feel valued!"

Lottie also joins the team working in the Preschool Room!



"I have worked in childcare for coming up 7 years. I am Level 3 qualified and I love to watch little ones flourish and be a friendly face that makes the children feel positive to attend nursery. In my spare time you'll find me playing netball, at the gym, having a stroll down the beach or out for social drinks with my friends!"

Parent's Evening

Parents evening will be **Wednesday 6th May 2026**. More details will follow.

Reminders

Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly named, especially their coats, shoes, and water bottles.

At Little Beans, we are really encouraging independence. Please send your child into nursery wearing shoes they can put on by themselves, as this helps them build confidence and a real sense of achievement when they are able to do this independently. We kindly ask that you support this growing independence at home as well, as consistency really helps the children develop these important skills.

School allocations will be released soon. Once you know which school your child will be attending, please let me know so we can begin the transition process. This will include sharing relevant information with their new school.

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