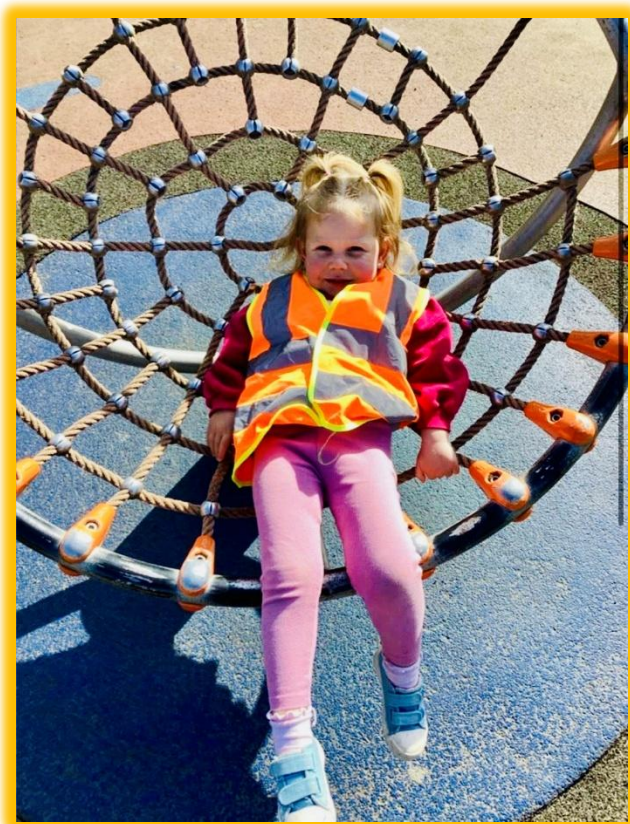


Little Beans

Weymouth



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May Madness

----- JOIN THE FUN!

Welcome to the May 2026 edition of our Newsletter. We have an exciting month ahead with a whole host of activities planned for the Little Beans to enjoy!

As the flowers bloom, the sun shines brighter and April showers are on the wane, there are more smiles than ever to share around as we enjoy our outdoor spaces!

We are lucky to have two bank holidays in May. We hope you enjoy these long weekends and more time together 😊

Little Beans is closed on the May bank holidays:

Monday 4th May and Monday 25th May 2026

Baby Room

This month in the Baby Room, our theme is “Little Music Makers.”

The children will explore sounds and rhythms by creating their own simple musical instruments using natural materials like bottles, rice, and pasta. They’ll also listen to a variety of music—from gentle lullabies to lively beats—helping them develop early listening skills, curiosity, and a sense of rhythm.

It’s a joyful month of discovery as our little ones learn how music can make them move, smile, and explore the world around them.

This month’s theme – Amazing Animals

----- OUR PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH TO LEARNING

Communication and Language Development- During their play and group time, children will learn how to add more detail to their sentences by being asked ‘why’ questions and being encouraged to ask these also. This will also encourage children to organise their play.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- Children will be learning about ‘Relationships’. We will be talking about our families and friends. We will be discussing how to treat our friends, what happens when we feel upset and what makes a good relationship.

Physical Development- During their play and group time, the children will continue to become secure in their independence skills such as putting their own shoes and coats on. Children will also use tools for fine motor skills more accurately such as scissors.

Literacy - Children will continue to develop their phonological awareness through hearing initial sounds in words. Mark making and name writing will also be a focus to prepare our older children for reception.

Maths- In Maths, our focus number is five and the children will link this to their prior learning of 1, 2, 3 and 4. We will begin the concept of time through days of the week and sequencing daily events. Capacity will also be explored through continuous provision.

Expressive Arts and Design- Children will explore the texture of clay and explore adding marks to it by adding animal footprint tracks.

Understanding the World- Children will observe a world map, discuss where animals live and compare climates. We will also learn how to care for domestic pets and how to meet their needs.



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Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in May 2026

4th – 10th May 2026: Screen Free Week: Annual event to encourage us to unplug from digital entertainment and spend all that free time playing, reading, daydreaming, creating, exploring, and connecting with family and friends! At Little Beans we will be using books and stories to find facts, and making up our own roleplays and putting on performances for each other.

3rd May 2026: World Laughter Day: (we will celebrate on Tuesday 5th May) The celebration of World Laughter Day is a positive manifestation for World Peace and it builds up a global consciousness of brotherhood and friendship through laughter. We will be doing all that we can to make each other laugh and smile on this day and remember the importance of being kind!

10th May 2026 National Children's Day: (we will celebrate it on Monday 11th May) National Children's Day UK is all about the importance of a healthy childhood and protecting the rights and freedoms of children so that they can grow into happy, healthy adults. At Little Beans we will be talking about rights and individual liberty and exploring how we are all unique!

15th May 2026 REDs 4 VEDS REDS4VEDS is a global campaign which takes place on the third Friday of May each year. The aim of the campaign is to help raise the profile of Vascular Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (Vascular EDS), a rare life-limiting genetic disorder. We will be fundraising – please wear Red and bring a donation if you can!

18th – 22nd May 2026: Walk to School Week! Little Beans will be encouraging all that can to walk to nursery this week, we will also be talking about other ways we can help our planet!

20th May 2026: World Bee Day: The purpose of World Bee Day is to raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, at Little Beans we will be exploring how we can help our bees!

20th May 2026 National Numeracy Day: At Little Beans we will be discovering how numbers are everywhere and how important they are in our lives.

23rd May 2026: World Turtle Day! (we will celebrate on Friday 22nd May 2026) The aim of World Turtle Day is to bring attention to, and increase knowledge of and respect for, turtles and tortoises, and encourage human action to help them survive and thrive.



23rd May 2026: Elmer Day! (we will celebrate on Tuesday 26th May 2026) A celebration of reading, of elephants and of accepting yourself and others, just like Elmer the Patchwork Elephant, star of the Elmer books by David McKee.



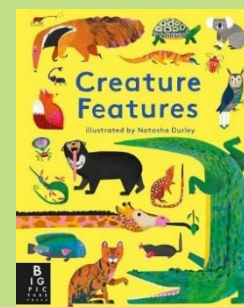
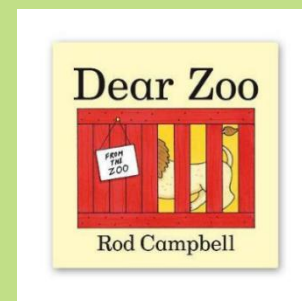
CORE BOOKS

----- Happy reading

This month, our theme in Toddlers and Preschool is 'Amazing Animals' and the children will focus on: recognising and naming animals; where in the world they are from; pets and how to care for them.

Our key fiction text is: *Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell. Our key non-fiction text is: *Creature Features* by Natasha Durley. Some of our older nursery friends will be leaving us in the summer to start school.

We will slowly begin the transition to school this month by encouraging the children to be independent in tasks such as putting their coat and shoes on and writing and recognising their name.





Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

Tuna Fishcakes

INGREDIENTS

- 2 medium floury potatoes, peeled and quartered
- large knob of unsalted butter
- 1½ tbsp mayonnaise
- 1 unwaxed finely lemon grated zest only
- 3 spring onions thinly sliced
- 150g tin of tuna, drained
- 2 slices bread
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- Plain flour
- sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 200g of Rice or Noodles

Top Tip:

To freeze the fishcakes, once shaped, wrap them individually in cling film and freeze for up to 3 months. Defrost in the fridge, then cook for an extra 5 minutes to make sure the breadcrumb coating gets crispy in the oven.

METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6.
2. Put the potatoes in a saucepan, cover with cold water and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat to a simmer and cook for 15–20 minutes, or until tender.
3. Drain the potatoes and return them to the pan with the butter, mayonnaise, lemon zest, spring onions, salt and a generous amount of black pepper. Mash together until smooth. Stir in the tuna and set aside.
4. Put the bread in a food processor and pulse until it crumbs. Put the egg, flour and breadcrumbs into three separate shallow bowls.
5. Shape the tuna mixture into six fishcakes. Coat each first in flour, then in egg, then in breadcrumbs. (You can use one hand for the flour and breadcrumbs and another for the egg, to keep your fingers clean.
6. Place on a baking tray and bake for 15 minutes, or until the breadcrumbs are just golden. Serve-Enjoy!

ERM 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



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Housekeeping!

Reminders

Summer Clothing

Just a reminder that as the better weather approaches please could you make sure your child has all of the following items every day and that these are labelled:

- Full change of clothes
- Sunhat
- Jumper
- Lightweight waterproof
- coat (just in case)
- wellies

Could you also make sure that all T-shirts and dresses have a sleeve, so shoulders are covered please.

Water Bottles

All children are required to bring a water bottle with them. A sports bottle is best as the children find them easier to drink out of. This is so that they are able to access a drink whenever they want one in addition to the milk and water we offer at all meal/snack times. We will fill the bottle with fresh drinking water throughout the day. The bottle should be labelled with your child's name. Please ensure this is taken home and washed at the end of the day.

Sunscreen

Please can you make sure that you pack a labelled bottle or tube of Sunscreen SPF50+ in your child's bag. Please be aware that some Nivea suncreams can contain almond oil, and so, we asking you not to use this brand on your child whilst they attend nursery.

Thank you – Little Beans Team Weymouth

Welcomes and Farewells

We say a sad farewell to Jess Jordan and Jessica Mallon who are going off to ventures new. We wish them all the best and thank them both for their hard work and commitment to Little Beans during their time with us.



We welcome a new member of the team – Tilly joins us as a level 2 qualified practitioner and will be working in our Baby Room. Tilly says: *“I am very excited to join Little Beans and cannot wait to get to know the children and their families!”*

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 on www.littlebeansdaycare.com



May 2026 – we will be singing.....

Planting Flowers (Sung to: Fere Jacques)

Planting flowers, planting
flowers, *(pretend to plant flowers
into the ground)*

In the ground, in the ground,
Water them and they will
grow, *(pretend to water plants
with a watering can)*

Water them and they will grow,
All around, all around.



Five Flowers Tall

Sung to: Five Little Ducks)

Five flowers tall in the flower
shop, *(hold up hand with five
fingers standing tall)*

Blooming brightly, with the
petals at the top.

Along came _____ *(name a
child)* with a pennie one day,
Bought a _____ *(child names a
colour)* flower and took it
away. *(put one finger down)*



Bright Sun

*(sung to "Row, Row, Row Your
Boat")*

Bright sun shining down,

Shining on the ground,

What a lovely face you have,

Yellow, big and round.

