

Little Beans

Garland



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Joyful June!

Despite summer arriving, the weather can still be unpredictable at this time of year. Please pack for all four seasons in your Little Beans’ bags so that our Little Beans can continue to enjoy outdoor play whatever the weather.

Coming up soon - we will be having our graduation photo day. This is open to all families and not just those who are graduating. We will also be holding a graduation ceremony at Longfleet school. **More details on graduation will follow soon!**

There has been a great deal of recent space exploration activity around the world. This month we will be stretching our imaginations as we explore space. It’s going to be an out-of-this-world learning experience!



The baby beans will: create a sensory den incorporating a space light show; make rough and ready play dough to represent the surface of the moon; be surrounded by space artwork and images in the garden to inspire their understanding together with intention cards to stimulate interest.

The 2’s room are going to be creating their own planets on paper plates, mixing the paint colours together then using a sponge to print the mixed colours to create their own planets – building on colour recognition. There will also be galaxy messy play with shaving foam and glitter building on the children’s sensory development.

Preschool room will be junk modelling rocket ships to send up to space! We hope to make some paper mâché planets too which the children can paint and hang up together to create their very own solar system.

This month..... we will be exploring Space and Planets!

This term, our Little Beans will be blasting off into the fascinating world of space and planets! Through this cosmic adventure, they’ll begin to appreciate the wonders of the world we live in and learn how we can all do our part to look after our precious natural resources.

Learning about space is all about embracing the unknown – encouraging imaginative thinking, posing “what if” questions, and nurturing those wonderfully curious minds.

We’ll be carrying out simple experiments, making observations, and exploring why things happen the way they do. It’s a brilliant way to introduce scientific thinking in an age-appropriate and exciting way.

We’ll be investigating questions like, *Which is the biggest planet?* and *Is the moon really made of cheese?* – sparking giggles while also fuelling inquisitive learning.

As part of our journey, children will be introduced to the world of non-fiction, discovering how to find out real facts about our universe. We’ll be using books, videos, and the internet to help us learn the names of the planets, and uncover fascinating facts – did you know Saturn has over 60 moons?

We’ll also explore why space matters to us here on Earth – from understanding day and night, to discovering how Jupiter helps protect our planet by pulling in wayward comets.





Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in June 2026

Monday 1st June to Sunday 7th June 2026: Child Safety Week: Organised by the Child Accident Prevention Trust to promote safety issues for children.

5th June 2026: World Environment Day: A day the United Nations set aside to stimulate worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment.

8th June 2026: World Ocean Day! Event organised by The Ocean Project to raise awareness of the oceans and the living creatures that make their home there. We will be exploring all things under the sea and looking at not only who lives there but how we can help the animals who live there!



13th June 2026: King's Official birthday. Celebrations of the monarch's official birthday are held in June across the Commonwealth and include the Trooping of the Colour in London.

21st June 2026: Father's Day! The Little Beans will be making cards for those special male figures in our lives and talking all about kindness and appreciating those we love!



21st June 2026: Summer Solstice This day is the first day of astronomical summer in the northern hemisphere.



24th June 2026: National writing day: A day for everybody across the UK to put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard), unleash their imagination and make their voices heard. We will be making marks in lots of wonderful ways throughout the day.

Getting ready to write

-----building the foundations

Handwriting is a complex skill that begins long before a child picks up a pencil. To write successfully, children first need strong *postural control* – the ability to sit upright and move their arms and hands with stability and co-ordination.

This control begins developing from birth, with milestones like lifting the head, rolling over, and pushing up during tummy time, which also supports shoulder strength.

Before children can hold a pencil with their fingers, they need to isolate their fingers from their palm. Early pencil grips involve the whole hand, and as fine motor skills improve through playdough, messy play, and finger rhymes like *"Two Little Dickie Birds"*, children gain better finger control.

Mark making is a key step before writing – activities like tracing, colouring within lines, and drawing simple shapes (lines and circles) help prepare children for forming letters.

By supporting these early steps through fun, hands-on activities, at Little Beans we help children become confident and capable writers.





Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

Pizza Pinwheels

INGREDIENTS

- Pack of puff pastry
- 1 tin of chopped tomatoes
- 1 tbsp tomato puree
- 100g cheese
- 1 pepper
- 1 tin of sweetcorn
- 1 pineapple
- 1 packet of ham
- 1 packet of mushrooms
- 1 packet of cherry tomatoes chopped
- Non-stick baking tray

Top Tip:

If you have any left-over toppings you can put them on skewers and cook them in the oven or BBQ them to make a delicious snack

METHOD

1. Preheat the oven on 180 degrees, gas mark 4.
2. Cut the ready rolled puff pastry into thin strips.
3. Pour the tin tomatoes into a bowl and mix in the tomato puree. Use a fork to break up the big chunks of chopped tomatoes.
4. Use a spoon to place some of the tomato mix onto each strip of pastry.
5. Grate the cheese and sprinkle on top of the tomato mixture.
6. Then it's time to add your toppings, cut up your choice of toppings into small pieces and place them on top.
7. Starting from one end, roll the pastry up into a wheel.
8. Place on the baking tray and cook in the oven for 20 mins or until the cheese is melted.

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!

Reminders

Extra Sessions in the summer holiday: Please let us know if you require any extra sessions during the summer holidays. Just speak to Tarnya or Annette if you are interested and we can get your child booked in.

A **reminder** to please reconfirm funding codes every 3 months via the government gateway on the childcare account.

Healthy lunchboxes: We have a lunchbox suggestions leaflet which is available on the library page of our website. This contains lots of useful guidance on the sorts of things you could put in a lunchbox as well as portion sizes and details of websites that have further helpful information.

A reminder that Little Beans is nut-free – please ensure you do not include any foods that may contain nuts in your little beans' lunchboxes.

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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Little Beans Website

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Enjoy this beautiful weather!

