



Shine Your Light at St James



Summer is over, and a big adventure is starting! Leo and Maya are getting ready for their very first day at St James Primary School. Leo pulls on his soft, burgundy jumper over his light blue t-shirt. On his chest is a tiny, white swan emblem. Maya practices fastening her shiny black shoes all by herself. They are feeling very brave and ready for school.





At school, they meet their new friends, Arjun and Chloe. They walk into the big school hall and see a beautiful mural. It has the words "Love, Unity, Respect, and Courage" written in bright colours next to a tall blue church spire. The sign says, "Let your light shine." Arjun and Chloe smile, knowing this is the start of a wonderful journey together.





Inside, the school feels warm and friendly. There are tidy bins full of colourful books in the long corridor with its soft, purple carpet. Leo and Arjun walk past the classrooms. They see a door for the Chicks and a door for the Ducklings. "Look at all the art on the walls!" Leo says. They are excited to find their new home.





In the Chicks classroom, Maya and Chloe learn how to look after their school family. They know how to use the toilet and wash their hands with bubbly soap to stay healthy. When it is time to tidy up, they work as a team. Maya puts a wooden block away while Chloe holds the basket. They are showing great unity by helping each other!





Soon, it is time for lunch in the big hall. Arjun and Chloe sit together at a long, clean table. They use their knives and forks carefully to eat their healthy food. They show respect by waiting for their turn to speak and listening to what their friends have to say. Chloe gives Arjun a happy, encouraging smile.





After lunch, it is time to play! Leo and Maya head to the EYFS outdoor area. They find the big water trays tucked under a giant, bright yellow roof. They share the blue buckets and plastic jugs to make big splashes. Even if a little rain falls, they stay dry under the canopy. Sharing their toys makes everyone's light shine brighter.



"Come and see the boat!" Chloe calls out to Leo. They run over to the Infant Playground. They see a bright yellow play-boat and a tall wooden climbing frame. Leo feels a tiny bit nervous about climbing high, but he chooses to be brave. He uses his courage to reach the top. Chloe cheers for him from the deck of the boat.





The school field is very big and green. Arjun and Leo love to run across the grass under the wide blue sky. They race each other towards the giant, old cedar tree that stands tall at the edge of the field. They love playing in the fresh air and feeling the breeze as they zoom along together.





At the end of the day, it is story time in the Outdoor Reading Area. The teacher sits on a magnificent wooden throne that says "Once upon a time." Arjun listens with wide, excited eyes as a wonderful tale is read aloud. He feels very happy at St James. He knows he will let his light shine every single day.