

## Level 2 Fiction – Nobody Laughed

Aiden walked to school with a spring in his step and a bright green bag on his back. It was the first day back after the summer holiday. The sun shone brightly. Aiden kicked at stones and whistled to himself. He loved his school, and he loved his new bag. It was big but not too big – the perfect size for books, his lunch, and his secret favourite thing.

Aiden's friend Kane was waiting at the school gate. At first, they were so busy telling each other their holiday stories (new house, new hill, new bike, missing tooth) that they didn't even notice they had the same bag.

"That's the thing about shopping at the Bigbarn store," Kane shrugged. But then they saw that Lauryn had the same bag, too, and Jessie and William and Toeiva and Charlotte and ... in fact, their entire class. The day was getting weird.