

# St Elizabeth's Catholic Voluntary Academy

"To provide a high-quality Christian education for all children, enabling them to achieve their full potential in a safe and caring environment."



## Birthday

Our Big Question  
Why do we celebrate birthdays?

### Key Knowledge

- In **Advent** we get ready for **Christmas** – Jesus' **birthday**.
- The Advent **Wreath** is an evergreen circle with 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle.
- I can join in saying The Hail Mary.
- Mary** is the mother of Jesus.
- Jesus** was born in Bethlehem. The **shepherds** hurried to see **Mary, Joseph** and the baby Jesus.
- Wise men** came from the East.



### Key Vocabulary and Definitions

<b>Advent</b>	The time of waiting and preparing for Christmas.
<b>birthday</b>	The day someone is born, which is celebrated each year.
<b>celebrate</b>	To make special with gifts, parties or events.
<b>Christmas</b>	The time when we remember the birthday of Jesus.
<b>crib</b>	A bed for a baby or an animal's eating trough.
<b>manger</b>	An animal's eating trough.
<b>swaddling clothes</b>	The strips of cloth wrapped around a new baby.
<b>waiting</b>	To look forward to something and be ready for it.

### Key Skills



- I can **talk about** the Christmas story. AT1 (i)

- I can **show an awareness** of the Advent Wreath, the crib etc. AT1 (ii)



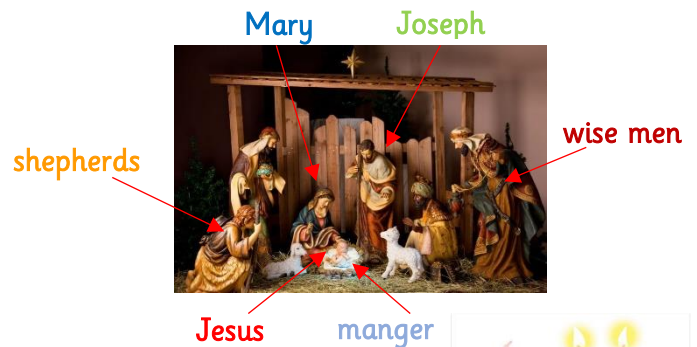
- I can confidently **talk about** my own feelings as I wait for a birthday. AT2 (i)

- I can confidently **talk about** my own experience of celebrating birthdays. AT2 (i)

- I can begin to say what I wonder about the joy of birthdays. AT2 (i)



- I can show an interest in a point of view in a small group. AT3



### Scripture

Luke 2: 4-7 (The Nativity Story)

Luke 2: 8-20 (The Shepherds)

Matthew 2: 1-12 (The Wise Men)



Advent Wreath

### Prior Knowledge and Skills

- I can make the **Sign of the Cross**.
- I have talked about **Jesus**.
- I can talk about my own experiences.
- I can listen to stories.

We are in **Advent**

The colour for Advent is purple. It is a time when get ready for Christmas – Jesus' birthday.

