

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."



Preparations

Our Big Question

Do we need to prepare?

Key Knowledge

- In **Advent** we prepare for **Christmas**, Jesus' birthday.
- Isaiah wrote about God's promise to send a son.
- We can show love to others to prepare for Christmas.
- The **Advent Wreath** is an evergreen circle with 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle. A candle is lit each week to represent the 4 weeks of Advent.
- The **Angel Gabriel** visited **Mary** and told her not to be afraid, God had blessed her and she would have a baby called Jesus.
- Mary** loved God so much, she agreed to God's plan.
- Mary** visited her cousin **Elizabeth** to help her prepare for having her baby, John.
- Elizabeth's** baby jumped with gladness when she heard Mary's voice.
- Mary was so happy she sang a song of praise to God.
- Mary and Joseph had to travel Joseph's home town of Bethlehem. Jesus was born in a stable there.
- God gave us his only Son because He loved us and wanted us to know more about His love.



Key Vocabulary and Definitions

Advent	The time of waiting and preparing for Christmas.
Annunciation	The story of the Angel Gabriel giving Mary the message that she would have a baby named Jesus.
Christmas	The time when we remember the birthday of Jesus.
Nativity	The birth of Jesus.
preparing	To get ready.
Visitation	The story of Mary visiting her cousin, Elizabeth.
waiting	To look forward to something and be ready for it.

Advent Wreath



The Annunciation



The Visitation



Key Skills



- I can **retell** some key elements from the Annunciation, Visitation and Nativity. AT1 (i)
- I can begin to use religious words and phrases to **describe** the Advent Wreath. AT1 (ii)
- I can begin to **describe** and give some examples of how Christians follow Jesus and the light of the world. AT1 (iii)



- I can begin to **answer** questions about how preparing well makes me feel AT2 (i)
- I can say what I **wonder** about Jesus, God and Advent. AT2 (ii)



- I can **listen and respond** to points of view about sources linked to preparing. AT3

Scripture

Isaiah 9: 2, 6 (Someone is coming)
 Luke 1: 26-31, 38 (The Annunciation – An angel visits Mary)
 Luke 1: 39-45 (The Visitation – Mary visits Elizabeth)
 Luke 1: 45-55 (Mary's Song of Praise)
 Luke 2: 1-7 (The Nativity Story)

Prior Knowledge and Skills

- In **Advent** we get ready for **Christmas** – Jesus' birthday.
- The Advent **Wreath** is an evergreen circle with 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle. Each week another candle is lit.
- The **Angel Gabriel** visited **Mary**. **Mary** loved God so much that she agreed to be the Mother of Jesus.
- Mary** visited her cousin **Elizabeth**, who was having a baby.
- Jesus** was born in a stable in Bethlehem. A messenger from God visited the **shepherds**, to tell them that a baby **Jesus** had been born. **Wise men** came from the East.
- The Christingle helps us understand God's love.

We are in Advent

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

