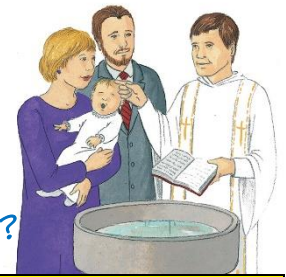


St Elizabeth's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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



Signs & Symbols

Our Big Question
Are signs and symbols important?

Key Knowledge

I can describe the order of the Rite of Baptism:

- The priest welcomes the child by name.
- **Sign of the Cross** on the child's forehead.
- Listening to the Word of God.
- At the **font**, the priest baptises the child with water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Anointing with the oil of **Chrism**.
- A **white garment** is put around the baby.
- A **baptismal candle** is lit for the baby as a symbol of Jesus from the **Easter Candle**.
- Everyone prays the 'Our Father'.



Key Skills



- I can begin to **describe** the signs, symbols and actions used in Baptism. AT1 (ii)
- I can begin to **describe** and give some examples of how Christians live as followers of the light of Christ. AT1 (iii)



- I can start to **answer** questions about reasons for the importance of symbols in my life. AT2 (i)

- I can say what I **wonder** about Jesus, God and the power of symbols. AT2 (i)



- I can listen and respond to points of view about the power of symbols. AT3

Prior Knowledge and Skills

- **Baptism** is an invitation to belong to God's family.
- **Baptism** is a **sacrament**.
- The family listen to the Good News of God's love in the Bible.
- The priest **baptises** the baby with water from the **font**.
- The **priest** says, "I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
- The parents and **godparents** help the child to follow Jesus.
- A **white garment** is put around the baby.
- A **candle** is lit for the baby as a symbol of Jesus.
- Everyone prays the 'Our Father'.

Key Vocabulary and Definitions

Baptism	A welcome to God's family.
baptismal candle	A Baptismal Candle is lit for the baby by the Godparents.
Easter Candle	A large, white candle representing the light of the risen Christ.
white garment	A white blanket or shawl to show that the baby is now a Christian.
Chrism	A special oil to show that the baby is now a special friend of Jesus.
godparents	An adult who promises to help the baby grow up to know and love Jesus.
font	The container in a church that holds Holy Water.
Sign of the Cross	The sign we make to remind us of what we believe. God gave us his only Son, Jesus, and fills our hearts with the Holy Spirit because he loves us all.
symbols	Symbols mean something important e.g. hug, tears, Sign of the Cross.



baptismal candle

water



font



white garment



Oil of Chrism



Easter candle

We are in **Ordinary Time**

The colour for Ordinary Time is green. It is a time when we continue to grow in God's love.

