



Birthdays

Our Big Question

Why do we celebrate Birthdays?

Key Knowledge



I know...

- What a birthday is and how it is celebrated.
- In **Advent** we get ready for **Christmas**-Jesus' **birthday**.
- The **Advent Wreath** is an evergreen circle with 3 purple candles, 1 pink candle and a white central candle.
- **Mary** is the mother of **Jesus**.
- **Jesus** was born in Bethlehem.
- The **shepherds** hurried to see **Mary**, **Joseph** and the baby **Jesus**.
- The **Wise men** came and followed a star.

Key Vocabulary and Definitions

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

Key Skills

I can **talk about** the Christmas story. AT1 • I can **show an awareness** of the Advent Wreath, the crib etc. AT1

- I can confidently **talk about** my own feelings as I wait for a birthday. AT2
- I can confidently **talk about** my own experience of celebrating birthdays. AT2
- I can show an interest in a point of view in a small group. AT3



Developing Knowledge and Skills

I can make the **Sign of the Cross**.

I can talk about **Jesus**.

I can talk about my own experiences.

I can listen to stories.



Scripture Luke 2; 4-7 (The Nativity Story) Luke 2; 8-20 (The Shepherds) Matthew 2: 1-12 (The Wise Men)



We are in **Advent**



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