



Frogwell School Year 5 and 6

R.E Knowledge Organiser - Term 2



Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?

Key vocabulary	
Advent	Advent is a season observed by Christians as a time of waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.
Christmas	Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world.
divinity	a religious being, like a god or angel
gospel	Any of the four books of the Bible that contain details of the life of Jesus Christ.
incarnation	God becoming man
Messiah	a saviour from God prophesied about in the Old Testament and Jewish Scriptures.
nativity	The occasion of a person's birth. The nativity of Jesus is described in the gospels of Luke and Matthew.
New Testament	The second part of the Christian Bible recording the life and teachings of Jesus and his earliest followers. It includes the four Gospels.
secular	not connected to religion.

- Christians celebrate the arrival of Jesus as God's Son.
- They are grateful because they believe Jesus brought to earth a message from God about how to live a good life.
- He performed miracles, helped people and offered forgiveness of sins.
- Christians believe that through his death and resurrection Jesus would grant all of humanity a fresh start and He was God "incarnate" (God made man).
- The "incarnation" is the key fact of Jesus' birth - that God became fully human whilst also retaining his divinity.

There are many different words, acts and ideas that are associated with Christmas.

These might be acts such as gifting and wrapping presents, decorating Christmas trees or attending church services.

There are both religious and **secular** Christmas traditions including:

- giving Christmas cards
- singing carols
- decorating a tree
- watching Christmas films
- eating Christmas dinner.

