



Weekly Highlights

Week 51/52 - Saturday 20th - Friday 26th December 2025

**Royal Carols: Together at
Christmas
Wednesday, 7.30pm**





Ainsley's Festive Flavours
Saturday, 11.40am
20th December
ITV1

Ainsley Harriott throws open the kitchen doors in this lively Christmas special and welcomes friends old and new with a festive-themed feast and ideas for the season.

Get ready for a festive bonanza packed with crackers as Ainsley serves up a sensational selection of fantastic food for the whole family to enjoy and is joined by TV presenter Josie Gibson, entrepreneur Sara Davies, and chef Paul Ainsworth to mark the occasion.



Westlife 25: Live
at the Royal Albert Hall
Saturday, 5.30pm
20th December
ITV1

Join Westlife at London's iconic Royal Albert Hall for a spectacular night of celebration as they mark an extraordinary 25 years at the top of British pop.

With the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra elevating classics like Flying Without Wings, You Raise Me Up and Uptown Girl, the band reflect on reaching this incredible milestone and the journey that led them here in a joyous and heartfelt celebration.



The Chase: The Bloopers
Sunday, 6.05pm
21st December
ITV1

A bloopers special presented by Bradley Walsh - you might think The Chase is all perfect and never makes mistakes, but you would be wrong and here is the proof...

The Governess, The Sinnerman, The Beast, The Vixen, The Dark Destroyer and The Menace are very clever, but they still make mistakes - join Bradley and the gang as they show us how quizzing excellence can be undone by the unexpected and the ludicrous.



The Royal Variety
Performance 2025
Sunday, 7.05pm
21st December
ITV1

The 2025 edition of the annual entertainment spectacular, hosted by Jason Manford at the Royal Albert Hall and with The Prince and Princess of Wales in attendance.

The star-studded line-up includes an epic finale from the multi-award-winning musical Les Miserables, music from Jessie J, Madness and Grammy winner Laufey, Britain's Got Talent winner and magician Harry Moulding performing, and the hilarious Dead Ringers.



**EFL Carabao Cup Live:
Arsenal v Crystal Palace**
Tuesday, 7.30pm
23rd December
ITV1

Mark Pougatch presents 2025-26 EFL Carabao Cup quarter-final action as Mikel Arteta's Arsenal face Crystal Palace - who beat Liverpool - at the Emirates Stadium.

The Gunners progressed to the last eight after goals from Ethan Nwaneri and Bukayo Saka helped them to a 2-0 victory over Brighton, and a recent Premier League win over the Eagles should inspire confidence - Sam Matterface and Lee Dixon commentate.



**The Chase Celebrity
Christmas Special**
Wednesday, 5.55pm
24th December
ITV1

A celebrity version of the game show where contestants must pit their wits against the Chaser, a ruthless quiz genius determined to stop them winning a cash prize.

Bradley Walsh presents a fancy dress edition with comedian Lucy Porter, radio and TV presenter Colin Murray, Strictly Come Dancing vocalist Tommy Blaize, and actor and comedian Asim Chaudhry facing five Chasers - can they provide some Yuletide cheer?



**Royal Carols:
Together at Christmas
Wednesday, 7.25pm
24th December
ITV1**

HRH The Princess of Wales hosts a special Christmas carol service at Westminster Abbey with festive musical performances, touching readings, and inspiring films..

In 2025, the Service will bring people together to celebrate love in all its forms - whether within families, through friendships, across communities, or even through powerful moments of connection with strangers - and combine traditional and modern elements.



**Christmas Carols on ITV
Wednesday, 11.40pm
24th December
ITV1**

Myleene Klass hosts a traditional Christmas Eve celebration from St Elisabeth's Church in Greater Manchester featuring performances by some very special guests.

Coronation Street's Catherine Tyldesley, X Factor winner Shayne Ward, soul singer Kenny Thomas, the EAGA Gospel Choir and Nyah Grace are on hand while classically trained Myleene gives a special performance alongside her daughter Ava on the cello.



It'll Be Alright on the Night
Thursday, 5.45pm
25th December
ITV1

Comedian Tom Allen celebrates the hilarious chaos that occurs when making our favourite TV shows with unseen outtakes from a cavalcade of our favourite shows.

With an accidental innuendo with Idris Elba leaving Lorraine in tears of laughter, Love Island filming interrupted by angry animals, and an interview with Hollywood star Paul Rudd ending in disaster, will the show go on as the famous faces come crashing down?



Bullseye Christmas Special
Thursday, 8.15pm
25th December
ITV1

Freddie Flintoff hosts a festive edition of the darts-based game show as three more pairs of 'throwers' and 'knowers' compete under the eye of 'Little' Richard Ashdown.

While the winning team will have an extra-special decision to make at the end of the show, former world champion 'Mighty' Michael van Gerwen will be joining in the fun as he partners with Freddie to try to complete a charity challenge... but will they succeed?



The 1% Club Christmas Special
Thursday, 9.15pm
25th December
ITV1

Lee Mack hosts a festive special where every question is seasonally themed and 100 contestants hope for a Christmas boost by winning anything up to 100,000 pounds.

Find out if any of the contestants manage to take home the perfect present at this time of year by winning the Prize Pot and earning themselves a place in the 1% Club, an elite group of people who can truly say that they are smarter than 99 per cent of the nation.



Romesh Ranganathan's Parents' Evening: Christmas Special
Thursday, 10.15pm
25th December
ITV1

Romesh Ranganathan hosts the celebrity game show where it doesn't matter what you know as it's what your mother and father think you know that really counts.

The three famous faces competing for charity are comedian and The Last Leg presenter Josh Widdicombe, Strictly Come Dancing judge Motsi Mabusi, and TV royalty Larry and George Lamb - who will know their families best in a race for Christmas Day supremacy?



**The Masked Singer
Christmas Special
Friday, 7.30pm
26th December
ITV1**

The Masked Singer is the surreal and surprising singing show that asks one question - 'Who is behind the mask?' - as a celebrity panel watch gripping performances.

Joel Dommett is our host as four huge celebrities compete undercover while keeping their festive faces hidden - four panto legends will be helping the panel of Mo Gilligan, Davina McCall, Maya Jama and Jonathan Ross to identify them, but will they succeed?



**Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?
Christmas Special
Friday, 9pm
26th December
ITV1**

Tense game show where contestants compete for a top prize of one million pounds - they must answer 15 questions correctly and have just four lifelines to help them.

Settle in for a festive edition, hosted once again by Jeremy Clarkson, as a line-up of brave famous faces - including England rugby star and Celebrity Traitor Joe Marler, and award-winning comedian Katherine Ryan - take on the iconic hot seat in aid of charity.



Batman Begins
Sunday, 9pm
21st December
ITV2

The first instalment of director Christopher Nolan's Batman trilogy boasts an allstar cast including Christian Bale, Katie Holmes, Michael Caine and Cillian Murphy.

Bruce Wayne, driven by the loss of his parents, trains with the League of Shadows to confront his fears. Returning to Gotham, he takes on the mantle of Batman to fight corruption and face villains including Scarecrow to bring hope and justice to the city.



Uncle Buck
Wednesday, 8pm
24th December
ITV2

John Hughes directs this much-loved comedy, headlined by the inimitable John Candy, alongside Macaulay Culkin, Jean Louisa Kelly and Gaby Hoffmann.

A bungling bachelor becomes a last-minute babysitter for his brother's three children when their parents are called away from home indefinitely. Although he seems to be an unsuitable father figure - Buck turns out to have an unexpected knack for parenting...



Midsomer Murders
Tuesday, 10pm
23rd December
ITV3

We're at the beginning of series 16, as Gwilym Lee joins the cast as DS Charlie Nelson in this spooky, killer Christmas special. Les Dennis is among the guest stars.

DCI Barnaby has a new sidekick in DS Charlie Nelson. It may be Christmas, but Charlie is thrown straight into a mystery in Morton Shallows when furniture maker Conor Bridgeman is stabbed to death with an antique sword during a ghost-hunting party.



Vera
Thursday, 9pm
25th December
ITV3

A special episode of the crime drama series, based on characters created by Ann Cleeves, starring Brenda Blethyn, Kenny Doughty, Ibinabo Jack and Clare Holman.

It may be the run-up to Christmas, but the apparent suicide of Rick Kelasall, a scandal-hit TV personality, sees Vera's boss insist that she personally take a look into the case on Holy Island. However, it's quickly apparent there's more to this than meets the eye.

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**Gallagher PREM Rugby:
Harlequins v Bristol Bears
Saturday, 5.30pm
20th December
ITV4**

Harlequins look to pick up points after an indifferent start to their 2025-26 Gallagher PREM season when they host the Bristol Bears at the Allianz Stadium Twickenham.

As ever, Marcus Smith will look to pull the strings for Harlequins, who are struggling in the league this season, against a Bristol side featuring England vice-captain Ellis Genge and Welsh winger Louis Rees-Zammit, who is fresh from a stint in the NFL.

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**Graham Lee - Life Beyond the Fall
Saturday, 4pm
20th December
ITV4**

Graham Lee was one of racing's most celebrated jockeys until a fall left him paralysed - speaking with Niall Hannity, Lee goes over his career and his life now.

The former jockey reveals that his heart stopped beating in Newcastle's Royal Victoria Infirmary following a fall in late 2023, which left him paralysed from the shoulders down. He talks about the fall, and how life has changed for him and his family since.

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