



Weekly Highlights

Week 50/51 - Saturday 17th - Friday 23rd December 2022

**FIFA World Cup
2022 Final
Sunday, 2pm**





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**Champions Cup Rugby:
Exeter Chiefs v Bulls
Saturday, 12.40pm
17th December
ITV**

It's the second round of fixtures in the Champions Cup, and Hugh Wozenecroft and David Flatman are at Sandy Park as hosts Exeter Chiefs welcome Vodacom Bulls.

This season sees South African sides playing in the competition for the first time, and 2020 champions Exeter face a tough test - will anyone lay down an early marker here? Commentary for this Pool A clash is provided by Miles Harrison and Nolli Waterman.



**Celebrity Catchphrase
Saturday, 5.30pm
17th December
ITV**

Celebrity special of the popular family game show hosted by Stephen Mulhern, in which the panel of celebs identify familiar phrases by way of fun animated clues.

Stephen Mulhern presents a celebrity special of the classic game show, with guests Fern Britton, Dominic Brunt and Kelle Bryan trying to 'say what they see', as they guess well-known phrases for the chance to win £50,000 for their chosen charity



**Tipping Point: Lucky Stars
Christmas Special
Saturday, 7pm
17th December
ITV**

Ben Shephard hosts the quiz in which three celebrities take on the extraordinary Tipping Point machine in the hopes of winning money for their chosen charities.

Bestowing their Christmas presence upon us this time are Strictly sensation Len Goodman, TV favourite Josie Gibson and Lycra-clad fitness guru Mr Motivator. Each of them are eager to land their charities a Christmas gift to remember...



**The Jonathan Ross
Christmas Show
Saturday, 10.05pm
17th December
ITV**

The host presents the Christmas edition of his chat show, featuring some of the biggest stars on the planet dropping by and the best musical acts performing.

Jonathan is joined by comedian Michael McIntyre, actor Minnie Driver, Michelin-starred chef Gordon Ramsay, and rapper and BAFTA-winning TV presenter Big Zuu. Plus, current Queen frontman Adam Lambert is in the studio to chat and perform.



FIFA World Cup 2022 Final
Sunday, 2pm
18th December
ITV

It all comes down to this. Only two teams remain in contention for international football's biggest prize - but who is going home happy with the World Cup?

Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the final of the FIFA World Cup 2022 at the Lusail Stadium in Qatar. We've had 63 games in the competition, and after the group stages and knockout rounds, just two teams remain. The ultimate glory awaits one of them.



Alan Carr's Epic Gameshow Christmas Special
Sunday, 7pm
18th December
ITV

Alan Carr returns for a festive special of his Epic Gameshow - but which of the classic hit games will be getting a revamp, and who will be playing today?

It's a Christmas special of guessing game Child's Play. There's festive fun as Judi Love, Joe Swash, David James and Samia Longchambon must get on the same wavelength as the Child's Play children if they want to win big money for their chosen charities.



**Britain's Got Talent:
The Ultimate Magician**
Sunday, 8pm
18th December
ITV

Showcasing the best magicians from Got Talent shows globally, with Britain's Got Talent favourites competing against the best magic acts from around the world.

Stephen Mulhern hosts with Amanda Holden, Alesha Dixon and David Walliams returning to the famous judging desk, joined by Las Vegas legend Penn Jillette of Penn and Teller fame. Ten magical acts will perform and the winner will take away £50,000.



**Paul O'Grady: For the Love of
Dogs - A Royal Special**
Monday, 9pm
19th December
ITV

Paul O'Grady is back at Battersea as the world-famous rescue centre celebrates its 160th anniversary - and he's got some distinguished help with him.

Paul enlists the help of Battersea supporter Her Majesty, The Queen Consort. Paul and The Queen Consort, then the Duchess of Cornwall, help dogs in a variety of ways, from teaching a blind dog how to find his way to bathing and comforting pooches.



**The Royal Variety
Performance 2022**
Tuesday, 8pm
20th December
ITV

Multi-award-winning comedian and actor Lee Mack hosts the Royal Variety Performance at London's Royal Albert Hall, featuring a brilliant line-up of acts.

2022's extravaganza features Nile Rodgers and Chic, Ellie Goulding, David Baddiel, Frank Skinner, Ian Broudie and the Lightning Seeds and the Lionesses, and the West End casts of Cabaret and Disney's Newsies, as well as Cirque Du Soleil returning.



Inside M&S at Christmas
Wednesday, 9pm
21st December
ITV

For the first time M&S Food have given exclusive behind-the-scenes access to their staff, stores and top secret development teams at their Paddington HQ.

Each Christmas the pressure is on for staff to deliver against competition from their rivals. Following the suppliers, product developers, chefs and shop assistants in the build up to the festive season, we find out what it takes to bring Christmas to M&S...



Gino's Italian Christmas Feast
Friday, 8.30pm
23rd December
ITV

Join Gino D'Acampo and his family's ultimate Christmas feast in their Sardinian villa - this one-off special is a celebration of Italian and British foodie traditions.

The dishes that the family prepare include a version of Italian Bucks Fizz, Florentine biscuits, a rib of beef and veg that Gino prepares with his sons, Gino's grandfather's gnocchi, and a version of Gino's wife Jessica's panettone and butter pudding.



Alison Hammond in at the Rich End: The Riviera
Friday, 9pm
23rd December
ITV

BAFTA-nominated TV presenter Alison Hammond is on a mission to find out what makes the super-rich tick as she samples eye-watering opulence first-hand.

Alison travels across the legendary French Riviera, one of the most expensive places to live on the planet, and is ready to be thrown in at the rich end and surrounded by those with next-level wealth who are not afraid to splash some serious cash. Will she fit in?



Love Actually
Sunday, 9pm
18th December
ITV2

A classic festive romantic comedy, from the writer of the iconic British films Notting Hill and Four Weddings and a Funeral, about a hectic run-up to Christmas.

An all-star cast - including Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson, Colin Firth, Keira Knightley and Bill Nighy, to name but a few - feature in this ever-popular tale of eight loosely related couples whose various comic and dramatic misadventures entwine together.



Gordon, Gino and Fred's Great Christmas Roast
Monday, 9pm
19th December
ITV2

In this special programme, Gordon Ramsay and Gino D'Acampo battle it out to produce the ultimate Christmas festive menu for 100 deserving diners in London.

Members of the public and the emergency services decide which of the rival chefs is to be crowned banquet champion, and master maitre d' Fred Sirieix ensures that they have a night to remember in London's sumptuously-decorated Merchant Taylors' Hall.



**Real Housewives:
Christmas Cruising**
Monday, 9pm
19th December
ITVBe

It's the final stage of the Real Housewives of Cheshire's fabulous girls' trip ahead of the festive season, but tears, tantrums and tequila are lying in wait for them...

The Housewives are making their last stops of their cruise around Mexico in Loretto and Cabo, and they take advantage by immersing themselves in the local culture - after it all kicks off at Nicole's wine-tasting evening, Ester hosts a very special party.



Dinner Date
Monday-Thursday, 8pm
Friday, 7pm
19th-23rd December
ITVBe

The show that gives one lucky person the chance to find true love over three meals cooked by a blind date in their own home continues its run of new episodes.

Those looking for love this week include an aesthetic pharmacist, a digital dentistry area manager and a personal trainer - they'll have no idea who has put together the menus until they meet in person, but will any of them find The One during their dates?



Grantchester Christmas Special
Friday, 10pm
23rd December
ITV3

Another chance to catch the festive special of the drama series following a Cambridgeshire vicar who teams up with a local policeman to crack tough cases.

It is the week before Christmas 1954, but although the Reverend Sidney Chambers is concerned about his beloved Amanda, he knows that he cannot act on his feelings for her - in the meantime, he and DI Geordie Keating investigate the death of a groom.



Cracker
Monday-Thursday, 10pm
19th-22nd December
ITV3

The final cases in Jimmy McGovern's critically-acclaimed series starring the late Robbie Coltrane as the wise-cracking criminal psychologist Eddie 'Fitz' Fitzgerald.

After resolving the case of two murderous young men, Fitz is preoccupied with a letter-writer with an increasingly deadly obsession with him - he then heads to Hong Kong and ends up on a case there, ultimately returning home to solve one last crime.

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ITV Racing: Live from Ascot
Saturday, from 1pm
17th December
ITV4

Ed Chamberlin presents coverage of action from Ascot on the final Saturday of racing before Christmas, which includes the historic Grade One Long Walk Hurdle.

This race was first run in 1965 and has steadily grown in status ever since - Ascot also plays host to the Betfair Exchange Trophy, and there'll be coverage of racing at Haydock too. Luke Harvey and Lizzie Kelly provide analysis of all of the exciting events.



English Football League
Highlights
Saturday, 9pm
17th December
ITV4

Hugh Wozenecroft guides us through all of the latest matches from the English Football League, and he's joined by Dean Ashton and Sam Parkin for this edition.

It's been a busy line-up already for the clubs in the EFL, but now they are approaching the notoriously hectic Christmas fixtures list - however, any side that makes it through this period with a healthy points balance stands every chance of going far this season.



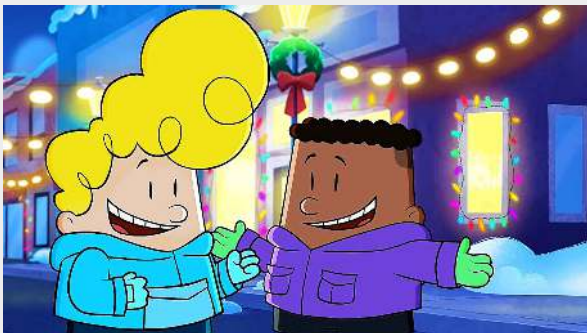
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The Epic Tales of Captain Underpants: Mega Blissmas
Saturday, 8.30am
17th December
CITV

A special edition of the laugh-out-loud animated series that sees George and Harold give Christmas a makeover and create a new version of it called Blissmas!

Instead of red bows, laser shows - instead of ugly sweaters, cool capes - instead of decorating trees, creating tree-bots! The boys take Melvin's time toad back to convince Father Christmas to help promote Blissmas, but things end up not going quite to plan...



Dreamworks Festive Specials
Tuesday, Wednesday
& Friday, 9.25am
Thursday, 9.25 & 9.40am
20th-23rd December
CITV

Get ready for Christmas with the best festive specials from Dreamworks Studios and all of your favourite characters from Trolls, Kung Fu Panda, and many more.

Poppy is bringing holidays to the Bergens in Trolls Holiday, a nervous Po is hosting an big annual dinner in Kung Fu Panda Holiday, the Penguins of Madagascar are getting involved in a Christmas Capers, and Donkey from Shrek is singing classic Xmas carols!