



Weekly Highlights

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Vera Wednesday & Thursday, 8pm





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Deal or No Deal: Celebrity Special
Saturday, 6pm
28th December
ITV1

Stephen Mulhern fronts a special celebrity edition of the classic format where one player decides to keep what's in their mystery box or go with a deal from the Banker.

Olympic silver medallist Katarina Johnson-Thompson goes up against the infamous Banker in this edition - supported on the wings by her friends, family and fellow athletes, can Katarina choose the right boxes and resist the Banker until just the right moment?



Wheel of Fortune
Christmas Special
Saturday, 7pm
28th December
ITV1

Graham Norton presents a festive edition of the classic game show where three contestants try to win cash prizes by spinning a famous wheel and solving puzzles.

Acting royalty Richard E Grant, beloved Gavin and Stacey star Joanna Page, and multi-talented TV and radio presenter Tyler West are invited to spin the Wheel, solve puzzles, and avoid bankruptcy in the hope of winning 50,000 pounds for their chosen charities.



Fletchers' Family Farm at Christmas
Sunday, 6pm
29th December
ITV1

Kelvin, Liz and the family are back for a seasonal special as they venture to Finland and visit another family farm thriving in the harsh conditions of the Arctic Circle.

It's not all work, however, as the Fletchers dive into the magic of a Nordic winter by enjoying traditional activities and meeting the animals that flourish in this frosty wilderness to make their flying Finnish adventure one that the family will never forget.



Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?
Celebrity Special
Sunday, 8pm
29th 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.

Jools Holland, Nina Wadia, and Ugo Monye are hoping to win big for their chosen charities in this star-studded special, but first they have to get through some tough questions posed by host Jeremy Clarkson... do they have what it takes to succeed?



Archie
Sunday & Monday, 9pm & 10pm
29th & 30th December
ITV1

The life of Cary Grant, Hollywood's greatest leading man, is depicted in this drama series telling the story of young Archibald Alexander Leach's troubled childhood.

Born in Bristol in England in 1904 to parents Elsie and Elias, this is the tale of how extreme poverty, his father's adultery, and the loss of his brother John tore Archibald's family apart and sent his loving mother into a downward spiral of grief and depression.



My National Gallery
Monday, 11.15pm
30th December
ITV1

Claudia Winkleman, Michael Palin, and HRH Princess Eugenie contribute to this film giving voice to those whose lives have been touched by London's National Gallery.

From security guards to directors - and from everyday visitors to celebrities and members of the Royal Family - each interviewee identifies the one artwork which means the most to them while telling a story that the history of the Gallery is explored through.



**The National Lottery's
New Year's Eve Big Bash**
New Year's Eve, 5.45pm
31st December
ITV1

A New Year's TV celebration and reflection on the moments that have shaped the past year through live music, exciting performances, and heart-warming surprises.

Craig David presents TS5, Olly Alexander, and an exclusive performance from Cirque du Soleil's Corteo are among the big acts joining hosts Vernon Kay and Fleur East for an incredible show that shines a light on incredible people who made a difference in 2024.



Vera
New Year's Day & Thursday, 8pm
1st & 2nd January
ITV1

The final two investigations of the crime drama starring Brenda Blethyn as DCI Vera Stanhope, a detective who tackles every new case with gusto and professionalism.

Vera nets two cases when an ex-prisoner's body is discovered on the banks of the Tyne and a missing girl and a student killed and dumped at the foot of three mythical monoliths set her on an investigation that triggers memories from her own childhood.



**Love Your Friday
with Alan Titchmarsh**
Friday, 2pm
3rd January
ITV1

Join much-loved presenter Alan Titchmarsh for a leisurely stroll down memory lane as he revisits his favourite highlights from his popular Love Your Weekend show.

Continuing his stroll down memory lane, Alan is this time revisiting a 2020 episode of Love Your Weekend which featured interviews with comedian Hugh Dennis and TV legend Lesley Joseph and a trip to an allotment in Ilkley, the place where Alan grew up.



Vera, Farewell Pet
Friday, 9pm
3rd January
ITV1

This special documentary goes behind the scenes of the much-loved detective drama Vera and asks why the show remains as popular as ever after 14 years on air.

Featuring exclusive access to the making of its final series, there are also interviews with Brenda Blethyn reflecting on her time as Vera, key cast members David Leon and Jon Morrison, the directors, the crew and Vera's creator Ann Cleeves to celebrate its legacy.



Baywatch
Friday, 9pm
3rd January
ITV2

Director Seth Gordon's action-packed crime comedy based on the famous series of the same name, starring Dwayne Johnson, Zac Efron and Alexandra Daddario.

Vigorous Lieutenant Mitch Buchannon and his elite team of hand-picked and perfectly tanned lifeguards protect sun-kissed Emerald Bay, but disaster strikes as two new eager trainees and an insubordinate former Olympic swimmer join the team.



Godzilla: King of the Monsters
New Year's Eve, 8pm
31st December
ITV2

Director Michael Dougherty brings the mighty beast to the big screen once more in a blockbuster starring Kyle Chandler, Vera Farmiga and Millie Bobby Brown.

The members of a crypto-zoological agency called Monarch face off against a battery of god-sized monsters that includes the mighty Godzilla as he collides with Mothra, Rodan, and his ultimate nemesis in the form of the three-headed King Ghidorah.

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Dirty Dancing
Sunday, 9pm
29th December
ITVBe

Classic romantic musical drama film from director Emile Ardolino, starring Patrick Swayze, Jennifer Gray, Jerry Orbach, Cynthia Rhodes and Jack Weston.

It's 1963 and sweet daddy's girl Frances 'Baby' Houseman is going with her family to a resort in upstate New York's Catskill Mountains. However, she becomes infatuated with the resort's dance instructor, and the two fall in love while learning a magical routine.



Grease
New Year's Day, 6.45pm
1st January
ITVBe

Director Randal Kleiser's era-definign musical romcom, starring John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John, Stockard Channing, Jeff Conaway, Didi Conn and Michael Tucci.

California, 1958 - greaser Danny Zuko and Australian Sandy Olsson are in love as they spend time at the beach... however, neither of them know when they go back to school that they both now attend Rydell High. Can their clashing cultures come together?



Vera
New Year's Eve, 8pm
31st December
ITV3

Crime drama about DCI Vera Stanhope, who is obsessive about her work and tackles each new case with unparalleled gusto and professionalism with her colleagues.

Vera investigates when the body of the co-owner of a chip shop is found in his own freezer - a seemingly successful entrepreneur and dedicated family man, Vera uncovers secrets, lies and some unforgivable behaviour as she tries to unwrap the case.



Dame Maggie Smith:
A Celebration
Monday, 7pm
30th December
ITV3

A special tribute to the enigmatic actress Maggie Smith - discover her life story, told by the people who knew her best, and celebrate her much-loved appearances.

Hear the story of Dame Maggie's remarkable life, in a film that tells the story of a girl born in pre-war Essex who took Broadway and the West End by storm against the odds before eventually becoming one of the nation's most popular performers.



**Gallagher Premiership Rugby:
Harlequins v Leicester Tigers
Saturday, 5.30pm
28th December
ITV4**

Coverage from the Gallagher Premiership as the Big Game returns to Twickenham with Harlequins hosting the Leicester Tigers in the annual club rugby event.

The Premiership Rugby table is incredibly close this season, and this huge game, which sees the action moved from the Stoop to Twickenham promises to be no different. It's a repeat of the first ever Big Game, which saw the teams play out a high-scoring draw.



**The Sweeney
New Year's Day, from 6am
1st January
ITV4**

Celebrating an incredible 50 years on our screens, we're going right back to the start of the popular crime drama, starring John Thaw and Dennis Waterman.

The first episode of the hard-hitting 1970s cop series set in the world of the Flying Squad. Detective Inspector Jack Regan tracks three crooks who are planning a robbery. Then expect shenanigans as Regan and Carter catch villains by all means necessary...