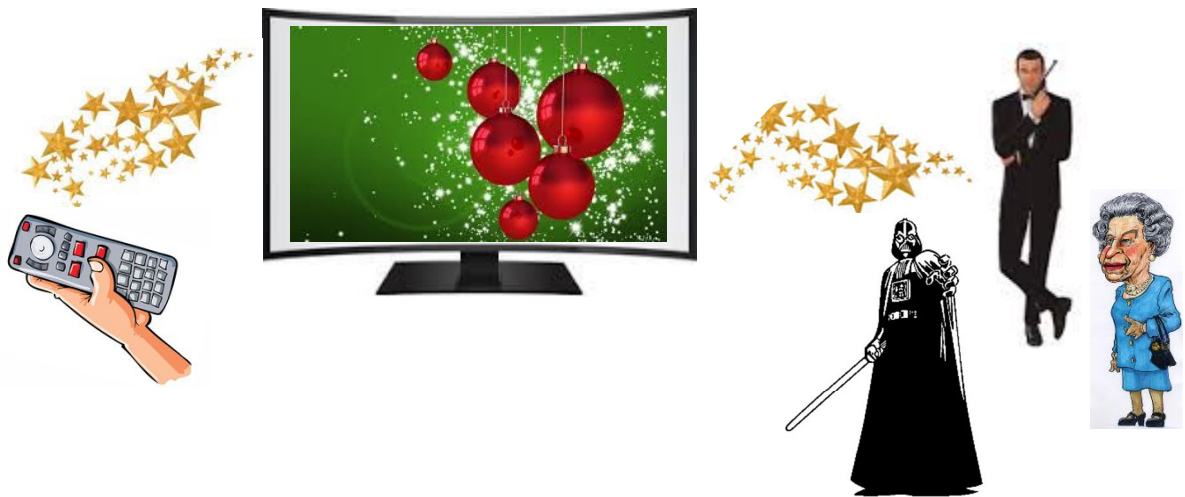


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CHRISTMAS TV TIMES!



You've never seen Christmas Day television like this!

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CAST LIST

Rosie

James

Mum

Dad

Rover the dog

CHORUS (singing and dancing) (at least four)

Grandma

Grandad

Reindeers (at least two)

Maria von Trapp

Von Trapp children (at least six)

James Bond

Miss Money Penny

George Michael

Andrew Ridgeley

The Queen

Ballroom dancers (two couples)

Darth Vader

Hans Solo

Princess Laeia

Obi Wan Kenobi

Luke Skywalker

Storm trooper

Carol singers (at least four)

Possible 45 speaking/singing parts or could be half that number if certain elements of the play are cut out or parts doubled up.

Running time approximately 30 minutes.

MUSIC

Backing tracks can be purchased and downloaded for a modest fee from various sources, as shown below. Or, you could source the original artiste's recording from amongst parents/grandparents and just have the children sing along to it, as many schools do. If you cannot source them from amongst the school community, then Amazon sell very cheap downloadable MP3 tracks for hundreds of thousands of songs. These can be purchased, downloaded on to a computer and then burnt on to a CD for performance. Below we give the song title and source of backing tracks. Where it says "Traditional" or "Disney", this means there is no backing track we know of, but it may be in sheet music form in your school or on a children's school music compilation CD.

SUGGESTED SONGS AND DANCE MUSIC

1/ It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year (Andy Williams. Play original recording)

2/ I Wish It Could Be Christmas Every Day (Wizzard) www.ameritz.co.uk

3/ Rover, the red nosed reindeer (unaccompanied)

4/ Do, Re, Mi (The Sound of Music) (could mime to original recording)

<https://www.successfulsinging.com/backing-tracks/musical/sound-of-music-backing-tracks/>

5/ James Bond theme music <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUC8dJ0D6sA>

6/ *God Save the Queen (any instrumental version of it)*

7/ *Last Christmas (Wham) (mime to original recording)*

8/ *Strictly Come Dancing Theme Tune*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=asGWFQtc4ZM>

9/ *Star Wars Imperial March* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-bzWSJG93P8>

10/ *Hark the Herald Angels Sing (sing along with this recording)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lCt1s44cfMM>

11/ *We Wish You A Merry Christmas (unaccompanied)*

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Scene 1. The week before Christmas. The song "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" is playing, Rosie and James enter, clutching a copy of the Christmas TV Guide. Rosie calls out to Mum. Mum, Dad, and family dog, Rover enter.

ROSIE

Mum, the Christmas TV Guide has just arrived!

(Rosie waves it in the air)

JAMES

Fantastic Rosie, I do love looking through the Christmas TV guide and choosing which great programmes to watch on Christmas Day

(MUM, DAD, and family dog, ROVER, enter)

MUM

Now then Rosie and James, Christmas is not all about what's on TV you know.

DAD

Oh, we know that, don't we, children? But I think it's nice to relax after a big Christmas dinner watching a few old films on the old box.

(DAD rubs ROVER's tummy)

ROVER

Woof, woof! *(To audience)* I certainly do!

JAMES

See - even Rover agrees!

(JAMES pats ROVER)

ROSIE

Yes, let's go and read this, and choose our favourite programmes!

JAMES (*taking out a pen from his pocket*)

I've got my highlighter ready!

MUM (*pulling out a different coloured pen*)

Not so fast, James! I want to select my favourite programmes first!

DAD

Highlighters? I haven't done that since I was a child! I used to love getting my pen out and putting a star next to every programme I liked.

MUM

Well, I think we should be organised about this. Let's all go into the dining room and sort out which programmes we want to watch and which programmes we're going to have to record. Don't forget that Grandma and Grandpa will want a say in Christmas TV viewing as well.

DAD

Oh I think I know what they'll want to watch. Come on then! Highlighter pens at the ready!

ROSIE

I wish it was Christmas every day – don't you?

MUM

Not when it comes to cooking – no.

The family exit the stage, and and THE CHORUS come in singing and dancing to, 'I wish it could be Christmas Every Day'. All dressed in Christmas outfits, tinsel, Christmas jumpers. The FAMILY (backstage) put on a Christmas jumper each, ROVER some reindeer ears, and then come back on to join the dancers. Song finishes, take applause. THE CHORUS run off, exit down centre aisle, leaving the family on the stage.

SONG – I WISH IT COULD BE CHRISTMAS EVERY DAY

I wish it could be Christmas Everyday

When the snowman brings the snow

Well he just might like to know

He's put a great big smile on somebody's face

If you jump into your bed
Quickly cover up your head
Don't you lock the doors
You know that sweet Santa Claus in on the way

[Chorus]

Well I wish it could be Christmas every day
When the kids start singing and the band begins to play
Oh I wish it could be Christmas every day
So let the bells ring out for Christmas

When we're skating in the park
If the snow cloud makes it dark
Then your rosy cheek's gonna light my merry way
Now the frosty paws appear
And they've frozen up my beard
So we'll lie by the fire
'Til the heat simply melts 'em all away

[Chorus]

When the snowman brings the snow (snowman brings the snow)
Well he just might like to know (just might like to know)
He's put a great big smile on somebody's face
So if Santa brings that sleigh (Santa brings that sleigh)
All along the Milky Way (along the Milky Way)
I'll sign my name on the rooftop in the snow
Then he may decide to stay

When the snowman brings the snow (x8)

ROSIE

Hurrah! It's Christmas Day! I love our Christmas Jumpers!

ROVER

Woof! Woof! *(To audience)* I rather like my reindeer antlers.

ROSIE

Yes Rover, and I love your reindeer antlers too.

JAMES

Thanks for a lovely Christmas dinner, Mum

ROSIE

Yes thanks, Mum. I'm so full now, I need a rest!

DAD –

Me too! Time to retire to the living room for a bit of Christmas viewing on the TV, I think! *(to MUM)* What time are Granny and Grandad arriving?

MUM *(looking offstage)*

I can see them walking up the path – so any minute now!

(A knock is heard, MUM goes offstage, lots of noise offstage of greetings etc.

MUM, GRANNY and GRANDAD walk onto the stage)

GRANDAD

Hello everyone! Merry Christmas!

JAMES *(hugging them both)*

Merry Christmas, Granny and Grandad!

ROSIE *(hugging them too)*

Merry Christmas, Granny and Grandad. Granny, You're just in time to watch some TV!

GRANNY

What a good idea, Rosie, I could do with a rest after all the Christmas excitement.

(ROVER starts prancing around like a reindeer.)

GRANNY

Oh look at that dog! He's getting into the Christmas spirit pretending to be a reindeer! Bless him.

GRANDPA (*patting ROVER*)

Indeed he is. Now then, who said TV? I like a decent programme to fall asleep in front of!

MUM

Come along then everyone. TV time. I'll clear up in the kitchen later.

The Family goes to sit in front of the "TV". (SEE PRODUCTION NOTES) As this happens, ROVER is joined on the stage by THE CHORUS dressed as reindeers. All sing "Rover the Red Nosed Reindeer." THE CHORUS take applause and leave the stage. ROVER joins the family.

SONG: ROVER THE RED NOSED REINDEER (Unaccompanied)

You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen

Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen

But do you recall

The most famous reindeer of all?

Rover the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Had a very shiny nose

And if you ever saw it

You would even say it glows

All of the other reindeer

Used to laugh and call him names

They never let poor Rover

Join in any reindeer games

Then one foggy Christmas Eve

Santa came to say

"Rover, with your nose so bright

Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then how the reindeer loved him

As they shouted out with glee
"Rover the Red-Nosed Reindeer
You'll go down in history"
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JAMES

Where's the TV remote?

ROSIE (*Waves the oversized remote to the audience, then gives it to DAD*)

Here, James, I have it. Who has got the Christmas TV Guide?

DAD (*He flicks through the TV guide, seeing all the highlighted areas.*)

Me! We seemed to have chosen a lot to watch! There are lots of highlighted TV programmes. We will never get through all this. Let's just put the TV on and see what's on now.

ROVER

Woof, woof. (*to audience*) I hope it's Crufts Christmas special!

(DAD puts the oversized remote on the floor and ROVER presses a button. There's a magical sound (see PRODUCTION NOTES). The family make themselves comfy on the sofa/beanbags at the side of the stage looking into the middle as if that is the TV.)

GRANDPA

What a clever dog! He really is very clever. Let's see what programme he has chosen.

(MARIA VON TRAPP appears from behind the TV with guitar, and VON TRAPP children (in school uniform/green summer school checked dresses).

MARIA *(speaking)*

Let's start at the very beginning. A very good place to start. When you read you begin with ABC. When you sing, you begin with Doh Ray Me. *(Singing)* Doh Ray Me. *(speaking)* The first 3 notes just happen to be *(singing)* Doh Ray Me. *(Speaking)* Hmm. Let's see if I can make it easier.

SONG. DOH, RAY, MI. *(MARIA and CHILDREN all sing/dance/mime (as appropriate).*

Doh a deer

Let's start at the very beginning

A very good place to start

When you read you begin with A B C

When you sing you begin with Do Re Mi

Do Re Mi, Do Re Mi

The first three notes just happen to be

Do Re Mi, Do Re Mi

Do Re Mi Fa So La Ti

Let's see if I can make it easier

Doe, a deer, a female deer

Ray, a drop of golden sun

Me, a name I call myself
 Far, a long long way to run
 La, a note to follow Sew
 Tea, a drink with jam and bread
 That will bring us back to Do, oh oh oh
 Doe, a deer, a female deer
 Ray, a drop of golden sun
 Me, a name I call myself
 Far, a long long way to run
 Sew, a needle pulling thread
 La, a note to follow so
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 Tea, a drink with jam and bread
 That will bring us back to Do

(Take applause. Leave down the centre aisle.)

GRANNY

That's quite enough of the Sound of Music, thank you. Ah now then, this looks good.

(GRANNY shows the Guide to ROVER who presses the remote, with magical sound. JAMES BOND and comes out from behind the TV to a bit of James Bond music. JAMES BOND poses with his gun, like in the title sequence of the films. Music finishes.)