**Round 1: Christmas in Film**

1. Which classic Christmas film features the line “Ho, ho, ho, now I have a machine gun”? ***Die Hard***
2. What was the subtitle of the Christmas film *Home Alone 2*? E.g. *The Revenge, Return of the King*. ***Lost in New York***
3. Who played the Grinch in the 2000 film, *How the Grinch stole Christmas*? ***Jim Carrey***
4. Complete the title of this classic 1947 Christmas film and its 1994 remake: *Miracle on WHICH Street*? ***34th***
5. The reviled TV movie *The Star Wars Holiday Special*, featured the debut of which beloved *Star Wars* character, whose toy is one of the most sought-after? ***Boba Fett***
6. What was the occupation of Bill Murray’s character in the 1993 Christmas comedy *Groundhog Day*? ***Weatherman***
7. What was the name of the protagonist in the 1993 animated film *The Nightmare before Christmas*? ***Jack Skellington***

**Round 2: Connections Round**

1. Which county in the west of Ireland is the country's second largest? ***Galway***
2. George Clooney played the lead character Danny Ocean in the noughties *Ocean's Eleven* heist films. But which singer played the same role in the original 1960 version? ***Frank Sinatra***
3. Which Scottish presenter, now known chiefly as the host of a well-known radio show, came to prominence as the first news anchor on Channel 5? ***Kirsty Young***
4. Which 33-mile major thoroughfare was originally known as *Breede Weg*? ***Broadway, New York***
5. Which brand of scotch is the best-selling in the UK? ***Bell’s***
6. This gritty detective series ran for 26 episodes from 1993 to 2005, won 20 Emmy Awards, and chronicled the struggles of the 15th Precinct squad in Manhattan. Which series? ***NYPD Blue***

Connection: ***Fairy tale of New York***

**Round 3: General Christmas Knowledge**

1. What Christmas-themed ballet premiered in St Petersburg, Russia, in 1892? ***The Nutcracker***
2. In the Charles Dickens story *A Christmas Carol*, Ebeneezer Scrooge is visited by the ghost of Christmas Past, Christmas Present, Christmas Yet to Come and which other ghost? ***Jacob Marley***
3. What traditional Christmas decoration is actually a parasitic plant? ***Mistletoe***
4. According the folklore of Austria and other European and Eastern European countries, what is the name of the mythical figure that punishes naughty children at Christmas time? ***Krampus***
5. Which classic Christmas carol became the first song broadcast from space in 1965? ***Jingle Bells***
6. In what decade did Coca-Cola first start using Santa Claus in their advertising? ***1920s***
7. Christmas is celebrated on December 25th. Who is the patron saint remembered on December 26th? ***Saint Stephen***

**Round 4: Another Connections Round**

1. Michael Peter Balzary has been the bassist in the Red Hot Chilli Peppers ever since they were formed in 1983. How is he better known? ***Flea***
2. Who is, or was, the oldest person to lead one of the three main UK political parties in the last 50 years? ***Vince Cable***
3. This physicist, in the early years of the 20th century, performed experiments at Manchester University leading to the discovery of alpha- and beta- radiation and the concept of radioactive half-life. He also had an element of the periodic table named in his honour in 1997. Who is he? ***Ernest Rutherford***
4. Which northern city is home to the Royal Armouries and is also the location of the world's earliest-know example of filmed moving pictures in 1888? ***Leeds***
5. This creature's name is first recorded in the diary of Joseph Banks, part of Captain Cook's crew on *HMS Endeavour*. According to urban legend, it translates from the local language as "I don't understand". Which creature? ***Kangaroo***
6. What was the name of the long-suffering Private Secretary played by Derek Fowlds in *Yes, Minister*and*Yes, Prime Minister*? ***Sir Bernard Woolley***

Connection: ***Jumpers***

**Round 5: Not Christmas**

1. What is the name of the holiday that celebrates the end of the fasting month of Ramadan, in the Islamic calendar? ***1 point: Eid al-Fitr, ½ point for Eid***
2. In the Judaism, what is the name of the seven-candle decoration commonly associated with Hannukah? ***Menora***
3. What model of Terminator did Arnold Schwarzenegger portray in the *Terminator* film franchise? ***T-800 / model 101***
4. Which belief system includes the following celebrations: *Celebrity Day*, *Student Day* and *Integrity Day*? ***Scientology***
5. *Adventure* was an Atari 2600 game released in 1979 or 1980, and contained what is generally thought to be the first instance of what type of hidden feature, often found in computer software? ***Easter Egg***
6. What is All Saints’ Eve more commonly known as? ***Halloween***
7. What is the current water speed record (fastest speed ever recorded on water) in mph? (5 either way) ***318 mph (313 mph – 323 mph), set by the Spirit of Australia in 1978***

**Round 6: A THIRD Connections Round**

1. Which First World War pilot later found fame as the author of the "BIggles" stories? ***WE Johns***
2. In some animals, the *Furcula*, which means "little fork" in Latin, is the bone formed by the fusion of the clavicles, or collar bones. How is it better known? ***WISHbone***
3. The English longbow, which proved decisive at battles such as Crecy and Agincourt, was traditionally made from the wood of which tree? ***YEW tree***
4. This sporting challenge trophy has only changed hands six times in its 167-year history, and the only winning nations are the US, Australia, New Zealand and Switzerland. Which trophy? ***AMERIca’s cup***
5. The carpal bones are eight small bones situated in which part of the body? ***WRIST***
6. Which physical property had the definition of its fundamental SI unit changed last month? ***MASS***

Connection: ***We Wish You a Merry Christmas***

**Round 7: Picture round –**

1. Tron
2. Stuck on You
3. Indiana Jones & the Last Crusade
4. The Karate Kid
5. Hot Fuzz
6. Jerry Maguire
7. Tomb Raider
8. Star Wars
9. Airplane
10. A Hard Day’s Night
11. Ghostbusters
12. Reservoir Dogs

**Jackpot:** *Home Alone* is the highest-grossing Christmas movie of all time. What was its total worldwide gross in USD? (3% either way)

**Answer:** $477,561,243 ($463,234,406 – $491,888,080)

**Round 7 - Picture round: name the film from the scene, but the actors’ bodies have been digitally erased (and yes, this has nothing to do with Christmas)**

