**Award Winners Unveiled for The Big Christmas Wishlist**

**at The Big Christmas Press Show 2023**

The Big Christmas Press Show 2023, held on Wednesday 13th September, at the Business Design Centre in Islington, witnessed the much anticipated unveiling of all 33 winners for The Big Christmas Wishlist. These awards, introduced this year, have quickly become the most requested addition to the programme by journalists and the retail community. The winners were chosen by an independent panel of judges who sifted through entries across 11 gift categories. The top 3 winners were selected in each category, with the most popular one given the coveted ‘Judges’ Pick’ title.

The Big Christmas Wishlist is perfectly timed for discovering the most exciting Christmas products ahead of the Christmas shopping season, as well as providing brands and retailers with an incredible opportunity to showcase their products.

With an exclusive live unveiling ceremony held at the show, in front of the media in attendance, the winners were handpicked by an expert judging panel comprising a range of perspectives from TV and broadcast, business, social influence, and consumer expertise. The esteemed panel includes renowned TV personalities such as Ruth Langsford, Vogue Williams, Spencer Matthews, Simon Webbe, Kathyrn Burn, ITV This Morning’s Coupon Queen, Holly Jay-Smith, and more.

"The Big Christmas Wishlist represents some of the very best products showcased at The Big Christmas Press Show," said CIJ Group founder, Courtney Rogers. "We are thrilled to witness the outcome of the first ever Wishlist Awards. The awards not only recognise outstanding products but also serve as the ultimate gift guide for the festive season, just in time for retail’s golden quarter."

All 33 winners, including the Judges’ Pick for the inaugural Big Christmas Wishlist Awards 2023 are listed below:

| **Category** | **The 3 Winners and the Judges’ Pick** | **Judges’ Pick Comment** |
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| **BUDGET FRIENDLY** | * **Judges’ Pick:** Get The Ick by Big Potato Games **RRP: £9.99 Stockist:** [**Amazon**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Get-Ick-Cringe-Inducing-Party-Adults/dp/B0BKQRNQH4) * Christmas Market 1000-Piece Puzzle by Ravensburger **RRP: £14.99 Stockist:** [**Amazon**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Ravensburger-17546-Magical-Christmas-Festive/dp/B0C349VB8N/ref=asc_df_B0C349VB8N/?tag=googshopuk-21&linkCode=df0&hvadid=658780911326&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrand=5247991276856550109&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9045999&hvtargid=pla-2199384447981&psc=1&th=1&psc=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwmICoBhDxARIsABXkXlI46m_l-rEw8YmLyUGkW1PzbHn9BCoHtfu8BzQ15O3F88hKDapiyA0aAtnPEALw_wcB) * Swizzles Gift Cube by Bird & Blend Tea Co. **RRP: £10.00 Stockist:** [**Bird & Blend Tea Co.**](https://www.birdandblendtea.com/products/love-hearts-tea-cube-swizzels?_pos=4&_sid=190329ae4&_ss=r) | **Kathryn Burns**, TV personality and BBC Apprentice Star, praised the game, saying, “It's very on-trend and at a great price point. A lot of families and friends would have hours of fun and a lot of laughs with this one!” |
| **SELF CARE** | * **Judges’ Pick:** Relaxation for Two Experience Box by Buyagift **RRP: £59.99 Stockist:** [**Buyagift**](https://www.buyagift.co.uk/experience-boxes/pampering/smartbox-by-buyagift/relaxation-for-two-experience-box-br-10541538.aspx?cm_mmc=google-_-PerformanceMax-allcategories-_-PerformanceMax-allcategories-_-&mkwid=_dc&pcrid=&pkw=&pmt=&pg=10541538&slid=&pgrid=&cpgnid=18211300043&ptaid=&SIDIM=&maas=maas_adg_api_8613277860102_macro_1_4&ref_=aa_maas&aa_campaignid=18211300043&aa_adgroupid=&aa_creativeid=ad-_ptaid-_dev-c_ext-_slid-&gclid=Cj0KCQjw9fqnBhDSARIsAHlcQYThrZmOZCBNEkrgy5gpsERjJIlotvOTUIWeNdpc0Mr7H_a_qYcBfPYaAqlfEALw_wcB) * Mad Beauty Make Your Own Face Mask Kit by Mad Beauty **RRP: 14.99 Stockist:** [**Mad Beauty**](https://www.madbeauty.com/gifts-2020-c158/bath-c124/mad-beauty-make-it-your-own-face-mask-kit-p2135) * Positivity Crystal Candle by Prezzybox **RRP: £20.00 Stockist:** [**Prezzybox**](https://www.prezzybox.com/positivity-crystal-candle.aspx) | **Iwan Carrington**, TV presenter and consumer expert, described the Relaxation for Two Experience Box as a "fantastic gift for the couple who has everything," while many of the judges remarked on its flexibility and exceptional value-for-money. |
| **FOR THE HOME** | * **Judges’ Pick:** Drew & Cole Breakfast Sandwich Maker by MenKind **RRP: £45.00 Stockist:** [**MenKind**](https://www.menkind.co.uk/breakfast-sandwich-maker) * Dualit Handheld Milk Frother by Dualit **RRP: £69.99 Stockist:** [**Dualit**](https://www.dualit.com/products/handheld-milk-frother?_pos=1&_sid=711d2a33b&_ss=r) * Blade Boost Blender by Russell Hobbs **RRP: £99.99 Stockist:** [**Amazon**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Russell-Hobbs-26710-Blade-Blender/dp/B0C3RCWZ29?source=ps-sl-shoppingads-lpcontext&ref_=fplfs&psc=1&smid=A3P5ROKL5A1OLE) | **Vicki Atkinson**, Editor of Simply Christmas, said, "One look at this handy gadget, and I was sold - great gift for lazy foodies." Fellow judge **Spencer Matthews**, a Presenter and Podcaster, added, "The kids will love this, a quick, easy, and fun way to get them involved in making food." |
| **FOOD AND DRINK** | * **Judges’ Pick**: Gingerbread Espresso Martini by Kocktail **RRP: £25.00 Stockist:** [**John Lewis**](https://www.johnlewis.com/kocktail-gingerbread-espresso-martini-50cl/p6372401) * Hazelnut Hot Chocolate by Whittard Of Chelsea **RRP: £10.00 Stockist:** [**Whittard Of Chelsea**](https://www.whittard.co.uk/hot-chocolate/hazelnut-flavour-hot-chocolate-356840.html?_gl=1*j5gify*_up*MQ..*_ga*MjA5MDY4OTc3My4xNjk0NTExNDg0*_ga_W92N4DYSN9*MTY5NDUxMTQ4My4xLjAuMTY5NDUxMTQ4My4wLjAuMA..*_ga_1234*MTY5NDUxMTQ4My4xLjAuMTY5NDUxMTQ4My4wLjAuMA..) * Mini Christmas Macaron Gift Box by Biscuiteers **RRP: £32.00 Stockist:** [**Biscuiteers**](https://www.biscuiteers.com/cakes-and-cupcakes/macarons) | Judge **Vogue Williams**, a Presenter and Podcaster, noted that, "My sister loves Espresso Martinis - so do her pals - and with the gingerbread theme, I feel this kills two birds with one stone - festive and a favourite." |
| **TECH AND GADGETS** | * **Judges' Pick:** Stanley Quencher H2.0 FlowState Tumbler by Burton McCall Ltd **RRP: £44.99 Stockist: John Lewis/** [**Amazon**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Quencher-FlowState-Stainless-Insulated-Smoothie/dp/B0BNX6K3T8/ref=asc_df_B0BNX6K3T8/?tag=googshopuk-21&linkCode=df0&hvadid=641651257655&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrand=3752987007324898292&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=1006886&hvtargid=pla-1929988321893&th=1) * Mi-Mic Live by Wilton Bradley **RRP: £24.99 Stockist:** [**Freemans**](https://www.freemans.com/products/mi-mic-live-apple/_/A-40H628_?utm_source=GoogleProductList&utm_medium=PLA&utm_campaign=Kids_ToysAndGames_ElectronicToys&utm_content=40H628&ns_campaign=Kids_ToysAndGames_ElectronicToys&ns_mchannel=PLA&ns_source=GoogleProductList&ns_linkname=40H628&ns_fee=0&utm_medium=cpc&gad=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwmICoBhDxARIsABXkXlIYC-wkJt6Zy70zSmVa96iGXg1Mq-_tEg3AwmGS9kqe1uHJojY7iRcaAsMkEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds) * Dualit Travel Mug by Dualit **RRP: £29.99 Stockist:** [**Dualit**](https://www.dualit.com/products/travel-mug?_pos=1&_sid=a2ea39465&_ss=r) | **Megan Dunsby**, Senior Commercial Content Editor for Retail Week, praised its attractive design and cool features, adding, "These not only look great and have plenty of capacity to keep hydrated, but the tech that keeps drinks cold for 11 hours and offers multiple ways to drink is great |
| **FOR THE KIDS** | * **Judges’ Pick:** Disney's Frozen 2 Elsa and Anna Styling Heads (sold separately) by Just Play Ltd **RRP: £21.99 Stockist:** [**Amazon**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Disney-Frozen-styling-heads-pieces/dp/B083CDM954/ref=sr_1_3?crid=87GQ63LVKCG6&keywords=Disney%27s+Frozen+2+Elsa+and+Anna+Styling+Heads+%28sold+separately%29+by+Just+Play+Ltd&qid=1694512304&sprefix=disney%27s+frozen+2+elsa+and+anna+styling+heads+sold+separately+by+just+play+ltd%2Caps%2C190&sr=8-3) * Baylis & Harding Kids Dinosaur Pinata and Bath Time Treats Gift Set by Baylis & Harding **RRP: £16.00 Stockist:** [**Boots**](https://www.boots.com/baylis-harding-dinosaur-pinata-gift-set-10314096) * Block Party by Big Potato Games **RRP: £24.99 Stockist:** [**Amazon**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Block-Party-Colourful-Building-Family/dp/B0BSHWPKVT) | Parents **Vogue Williams and Spencer Matthews**, were certain that Disney's Frozen 2 Elsa and Anna Styling Heads - which turned the heads of the judging panel, would be a hit in their household. Spencer exclaimed, "Gigi would love this! The perfect gift for any little girl obsessed with Frozen, just like my daughter." Additionally, fellow judge **Ruth Langsford**, a TV presenter, remarked, "Something to keep the kids occupied over the Christmas holidays." |
| **ECO AND ETHICAL** | * **Judges’ Pick:** Kid Eco Cardboard Christmas Tree from Not On The High Street **RRP: £24.99 Stockist:** [**Not On The High Street**](https://www.notonthehighstreet.com/paperpod/product/cardboard-christmas-tree-single) * Dualit Eco Press by Dualit **RRP: £9.99 Stockist:** [**Dualit**](http://dualit.com) * Dobbies Signature Butterfly and Bee Seed Shaker by Dobbies Garden Centre **RRP: £5.99 Stockist:** [**Dobbies Garden Centre**](https://www.dobbies.com/dobbies-butterfly-bee-seed-shaker/5637944829.p) | **Meghan Dunsby** emphasised the importance of engaging kids with Christmas in a more sustainable manner, saying, "I can see this being an effective eco-friendly alternative to having an actual tree. I especially appreciate the addition of the capacity to add lighting, which adds an extra touch of magic." |
| **ADVENT CALENDAR** | * **Judges’ Pick:** CEWE Photo Advent Calendar with Collage Poster by CEWE **RRP: from £11.99 Stockist:** [**CEWE**](https://www.cewe.co.uk/advent-calendars/photo-advent-calendar-with-poster.html) * TreatBox Luxury Christmas Advent Calendar by TreatBox **RRP: £95.00 Stockist:** [**TreatBox**](http://treatboxuk.com) * Baylis & Harding Signature Luxury 24 days of Beauty Advent Calendar by Baylis & Harding **RRP: £45.00 Stockist:** [**Amazon**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Baylis-Harding-Jojoba-Vanilla-Calendar/dp/B0C7HYWS4T/ref=sr_1_3?crid=3MFEE1JHIE19Y&keywords=baylis%2Band%2Bharding%2Badvent%2Bcalendar%2Bbottle&qid=1694017782&sprefix=baylis%2Band%2Bharding%2Badvent%2Bcalendar%2Bbottle%2Caps%2C88&sr=8-3&th=1) | With its heartfelt approach to counting down to Christmas, the CEWE calendar stole the judges' hearts with its personalised photo behind each door, described as "a lovely way to look back at special memories from the year." **The Style Sisters** also applauded the calendar's ability to be sent as a delightful gift and a great alternative to typical chocolate advent calendars. |
| **PERSONALISED** | * **Judges’ Pick:** Glass Hot Air Balloon Baby Details Christmas Decoration from Not On The High Street **RRP: £36.00 Stockist:** [**Not On The High Street**](https://www.notonthehighstreet.com/noordinarygiftcompany/product/glass-hot-air-balloon-baby-details-christmas-decoration) * Grandma, Mummy/Daddy and Me book by Wonderbly **RRP: £27.99 Stockist:** [**Wonderbly**](http://www.wonderbly.com) * Large Landscape CEWE PHOTOBOOK by CEWE **RRP: from £21.99 Stockist:** [**CEWE**](https://www.cewe.co.uk/photo-books/large-landscape-photo-book.html) | ITV's This Morning Coupon Queen, **Holly Jay Smith**, commended its longevity, stating, "...this one can become a family tradition, always finding its place on the tree. It's a high-quality keepsake perfect to be passed down through generations." |
| **FOR THE BIG KIDS** | * **Judges’ Pick:** Escape Room Puzzle Cracker from Not On The High Street **RRP: £25.00 Stockist:** [**Not On The High Street**](https://www.notonthehighstreet.com/puzzlepostuk/product/excape-room-christmas-crackers) * Jurassic Park Chess Set by The Noble Collection UK **RRP: £45.00 Stockist:** [**Amazon**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Noble-Collection-Jurassic-Park-Chess/dp/B08N58C1Q7?th=1) * Bunny Hops! by Asmodee **RRP: £24.99 Stockist:** [**John Lewis**](https://www.johnlewis.com/asmodee-bunny-hops-party-game/p110539949?s_ppc=2dx_mixed_home_BAU&tmad=c&tmcampid=2&gclid=Cj0KCQjwmICoBhDxARIsABXkXlLd7394yYSeko7Jw6ZX7BY2FeTbH8VnS8ZFxb6SSej_1BlCZF1WYwcaAtwJEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds) | **Holly Jay Smith** highlighted the uniqueness of these crackers and added, “The requirement to work as a team to solve all six puzzles provides an excellent opportunity for bonding on Christmas day, and a clever way to encourage big kids and teens to take a break from their phones!” |
| **SPLURGE** | * **Judges’ Pick:** KODAK FLIK HD10 Smart Projector by Kodak **RRP: £309.99 Stockist:** [**Amazon**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/KODAK-Projector-Projection-Assistant-Bluetooth/dp/B0BZ6DZLH7) * Award Winning Dining Gift Box by Red Letter Days **RRP: £149.99 Stockist:** [**Red Letter Days**](https://www.redletterdays.co.uk/experience/ref/rld10783600/award-winning-dining-gift-box?cm_mmc=google-_-PerformanceMax-allcategoriesShopping-_-PerformanceMax-allcategoriesShopping-_-&mkwid=_dc&pcrid=&pkw=&pmt=&pg=10783600&slid=&pgrid=&cpgnid=18588617960&ptaid=&SIDIM=&maas=maas_adg_api_8613277860102_macro_1_4&ref_=aa_maas&aa_campaignid=18588617960&aa_adgroupid=&aa_creativeid=ad-_ptaid-_dev-c_ext-_slid-&gclid=Cj0KCQjw9fqnBhDSARIsAHlcQYTJyYu511UyScvgosXBit8Fsur7ycW3NyyEJUkTnOZ6BA6wk2KZ5zcaAhDyEALw_wcB) * Satisfry Air & Grill Multi Cooker by Russell Hobbs **RRP: £164.99 Stockist:** [**Amazon**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Russell-Hobbs-26520-SatisFry-Multicooker/dp/B0B2DMJMRY?th=1) | Judge **Ruth Langsford**, expressed her delight with the product, comparing it to the family slideshows of old, “We always had family slideshows at Christmas and this is the 2023 updated version. Love that you could project all your photos, apps and streaming services. Good one for family movie nights." |

**For more information about The Big Christmas Wishlist Awards, or The Big Christmas Show call 0207 952 5060, email** [**info@cijgroup.co**](mailto:info@cijgroup.co)**, or visit** [**https://www.cijgroup.co/london2023**](https://www.cijgroup.co/london2023)**.**

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**NOTES TO EDITOR**

**About the The Big Christmas Wishlist Award Judges:**

**Vogue Williams - Presenter & Podcaster, and**

**Spencer Matthews - Podcaster & Entrepreneur**

Vogue and Spencer currently host their hit podcast “Spencer and Vogue” together, drawing in millions of listeners a month. Spencer also hosts his own podcast “Big Fish” which has seen him interview the likes of Bear Grylls, Gordon Ramsey and Jo Malone. Vogue has a smash hit podcast with Joanne McNally, “My Therapist Ghosted Me” which has toured the UK and Ireland, selling out arenas, theatres and festivals. Vogue and Spencer will tour their podcast in 2023 and 2024.

**Ruth Langsford – TV Presenter**

Ruth Langsford, the anchor of ITV's Loose Women, is a well-known TV presenter. Her wealth of experience in the entertainment industry and appearances on primetime shows make her a valuable member of the judging panel.

**Simon Webbe - Popstar & Talent Manager**

Simon Webbe, a double Brit Award winner and member of pop sensation Blue, has become a much-loved fixture on our TV screens and in theatres. As the owner of Webbe Industries, a family-run talent management agency, he's also passionate about sharing his industry know-how. His multifaceted career experience makes him the ideal judge.

**Iwan Carrington - TV Presenter & Consumer Expert**

Iwan Carrington, known as Mr Carrington to his 55.8K Instagram followers, is a London-based content creator, television presenter and a regular on popular shows such as the BBC's Sort Your Life Out and Steph’s Packed Lunch.

**Megan Dunsby - Senior Commercial Content Editor for Retail Week**

Megan Dunsby holds the position of Senior Commercial Content Editor for Retail Week. She specializes in leveraging content to reach key players in the retail sector, making her an invaluable addition to our judging panel.

**Holly Jay-Smith – ITV This Morning Coupon Queen**

Known as the ‘coupon queen', and a regular on ITV’s This Morning, Holly Jay-Smith is the go-to budget savvy expert. Her insights into consumer preferences and trends are ideal when evaluating the products.

**Vicki Atkinson - Editor of Simply Christmas**

Vicki Atkinson, as the Editor of Simply Christmas, brings her passion for all things Christmas. Her keen eye for detail and understanding of the Christmas market is a great asset to the panel.

**Kathryn Burn - TV Personality & BBC Apprentice Star**

Kathryn Burn, BBC Apprentice star and founder of Pyjamily and My Christmas Pyjamas, is a respected entrepreneur. Her experience in the business world and her entrepreneurial mindset will provide valuable insights during the judging process.

**Gemma and Charlotte – Home and Lifestyle Content Creators**

Charlotte Reddington-Smith and Gemma Lilly, are known as the Style Sisters. From TV makeovers, a debut book, to sharing home and design hacks to their 280k+ followers; the Style Sisters are well-placed to sort out the best in show.