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Dads travel for free this Father's Day

West Midlands Railway is offering an exclusive treat for dads this weekend, with free train travel on Father's Day (Sunday 16 June).

Special 'Dads Go Free' tickets will be available to purchase from railway station ticket offices in advance or on the day, when dads travel by train with their children.

Richard Brooks, customer experience director for West Midlands Railway, said: "As a big thank you to dads, step dads and foster dads for all that they do, we're giving them free train travel on our services for the day. This amazing treat is the perfect way to show wonderful fathers just how special

they are, with a day out to attractions across the region, or simply a free journey to visit loved ones on Father's Day.

“Travelling by train is an affordable, convenient option for getting around the West Midlands. Since the introduction of our new timetable last month, we now have direct trains to a range destinations, earlier services, later services and enhanced weekend timetables – so there has never been a better time to travel by train.”

The tickets will be valid on most West Midlands Railway and specified London Northwestern Railway services across the West Midlands area.

West Midlands Railway has also teamed up with National SEA LIFE Centre & LEGOLAND® Discovery Centre Birmingham to offer free entry for dads this Father's Day.

For more information on these offers, including terms and conditions go to wmr.uk/dads

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About West Midlands Trains

West Midlands Trains operates both West Midlands Railway and London Northwestern Railway services.

- **London Northwestern Railway** services operate between Liverpool and Birmingham, and on the West Coast mainline to and from London Euston.
- **West Midlands Railway** services operate to destinations across

the West Midlands via Birmingham New Street.

For more information on these services visit westmidlandsrailway.co.uk or londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk

The West Midlands Trains franchise started on 10 December 2017 and will run until 2025/26.

West Midlands Trains operates 1,300 services a day, manages 150 stations and provides over 70 million passenger journeys a year. Over the course of the franchise, West Midlands Trains will be investing £1 billion into the rail network to deliver new trains, improved routes and station upgrades. This will include 400 new train carriages across the network and space for an extra 85,000 passengers into Birmingham and London at peak times.

The franchise is a joint venture between Abellio (70.1% share) and East Japan Railway Company / Mitsui & Co., Ltd (29.9% share in a 50:50 split). Abellio is the international passenger transport subsidiary of the Dutch national railway company, Nederlandse Spoorwegen. In the UK, Abellio operates ScotRail and Greater Anglia train services, Merseyrail services in a joint venture with Serco and buses through Abellio London. For more information visit www.abellio.com

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