



L-R: Henry (10), Isaac (10), Arthur (6), Katherine (10) at LNR's 'Junior Conductor' day

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London Northwestern Railway: Four train-mad children from Staffordshire become mini conductors for the day

Four railway-mad youngsters from Staffordshire got to live out their dreams of being train guards for the day, thanks to London Northwestern Railway (LNR).

Arthur, 6, from Stafford, Henry, 10, from Rugeley, Isaac, 10, from Lichfield and Katherine, 10, from Tamworth, were invited to climb on board LNR's brand-new electric fleet yesterday (Thursday 12 February) to act as 'Junior

Conductors'. During a journey between Milton Keynes and Crewe, the youngsters got to make announcements, check tickets and greet passengers.

Acting as ambassador for their hometowns, the four were among ten children selected to represent their local stations along the popular Trent Valley route which connects London with destinations in Cheshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Buckinghamshire.

The group of young train guards were kitted out with everything they need to fulfil their role, including uniform essentials like high-visibility jackets, ties and cravats, as well as an all-important whistle.

Katherine said: "I was so excited to be picked to be a conductor for the day. My favourite part was doing the announcements to tell people about all the different stops. I also learnt how to check tickets and even sat in the driver's seat. It was so much fun!"

Jonny Wiseman, customer experience director at London Northwestern Railway, said: "Our cohort of mini train guards did an excellent job today. Not only did they take their duties very seriously, they made our passengers smile throughout their journey.

"At LNR, we're on a mission to inspire the next generation of railway professionals, so it's an absolute joy to see so much enthusiasm for the industry from these ten youngsters. I'm sure we'll be seeing some familiar faces again when they embark on their future careers in the railway."

The event follows the rollout of LNR's new electric train fleet – known as the Class 730/2s – to the Trent Valley route in December 2025. Bringing more capacity and modern amenities, these new trains are significantly longer than the previous fleet and include features like open gangways, smart air

conditioning and USB chargers at every seat.

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The new recruits include:

- Natan, aged 8 from Crewe,
- Arthur, 6, Stafford
- Henry, 10, Rugeley
- Isaac, 10, Lichfield
- Katherine, 10, Tamworth
- Archie, 7, Atherstone
- Joseph, 11, Polesworth
- Dhanwin, 7, Nuneaton
- Hazel, 10, Rugby
- Oliver, 9, Milton Keynes.

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