



Natan, aged 8, from Crewe at LNR's 'Junior Conductor' day

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London Northwestern Railway: Train-mad eight-year-old from Crewe becomes mini conductor for the day

A railway-mad youngster from Cheshire got to live out his dream of being a train guard for the day, thanks to London Northwestern Railway (LNR).

Natan, aged eight from Crewe, was invited to climb on board LNR's brand-new electric fleet yesterday (Thursday 12 February) to act as a 'Junior Conductor'. During a journey between Milton Keynes and Crewe, the youngster got to make announcements, check tickets and greet passengers.

Acting as an ambassador for Crewe, Natan was one of 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.

Natan said: “Meeting a real train conductor was brilliant. They taught me all about how to check tickets, announce the station stops and I even got to sit in the driver’s seat. It was the best day ever!”

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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