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West Midlands Railway: Passengers advised to check journeys ahead of Christmas period

Passengers travelling with West Midlands Railway (WMR) are being reminded to check their journeys before they travel over the festive period.

Due to Christmas markets and engineering works, services are expected to be busy and disruption is expected on some dates before the end of the year.

Service changes include:

- An amended timetable will be in operation between Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve
- There will be an earlier shutdown of services on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve
- No services will run on any WMR route on Christmas Day or Boxing Day
- Due to essential maintenance, buses will replace trains on some routes out of Birmingham New Street on New Year's Day buses will depart from Birmingham Moor Street
- A rail replacement service will be in operation between Worcester Shrub Hill, Kidderminster and Bromsgrove on New Year's Day

Football fans attending the Premier League Wolves-Chelsea football fixture at Molineux on Christmas Eve are advised to allow time for their journeys to and from the match and check their journeys on the day in case of any changes.

Jonny Wiseman, WMR customer experience director, said:

"We expect our services to be busier than usual across the Christmas period and I advise passengers to check their journeys before setting out.

"Trains may be subject to short-notice changes and I would also urge passengers not to rely on late services on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve as last trains will be earlier than usual."

For more information on the Christmas period, visit here.

About West Midlands Trains

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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 Main Line to and from London Euston.

West Midlands Railway services operate to destinations across the West Midlands via Birmingham New Street and Birmingham Snow Hill.

For more information on these services visit<u>westmidlandsrailway.co.uk</u> or <u>londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk</u>

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