

West Midlands Railway

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West Midlands Railway: Passengers urged to check journeys ahead of industrial action next week

Passengers travelling with West Midlands Railway (WMR) are being urged to check their journeys and plan ahead of industrial action next week.

Members of train driver union ASLEF have announced their intention to stage strike action on Friday 5 April. No WMR services will operate on any route as a result.

In addition, members of ASLEF have announced their intention to stage

industrial action in the form of an overtime ban on Thursday 4 April, Saturday 6 April, Monday 8 April and Tuesday 9 April. Services will be subject to shortnotice cancellation as a result.

Jonny Wiseman, WMR customer experience director, said:

"It is disappointing that industrial action is continuing to affect passengers' journeys. Passengers should check their journeys before setting out and plan ahead as services will be subject to disruption.

"Anyone holding a ticket for travel on a strike day can use their ticket on a different day or claim a full refund."

The following alterations will apply on Thursday 4 April, Saturday 6 April, Monday 8 April and Tuesday 9 April:

- Buses will replace trains between Learnington Spa and Nuneaton via Coventry
- Fewer services will operate between Birmingham and Hereford
- Fewer services will operate between Birmingham and Shrewsbury
- Fewer services will operate between Birmingham and Rugeley in the evening
- No services will operate on any WMR route on Friday 5 April

To stay up to date with how industrial action is impacting WMT services, visit <u>here.</u>

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- **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.

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