Great Western Railway

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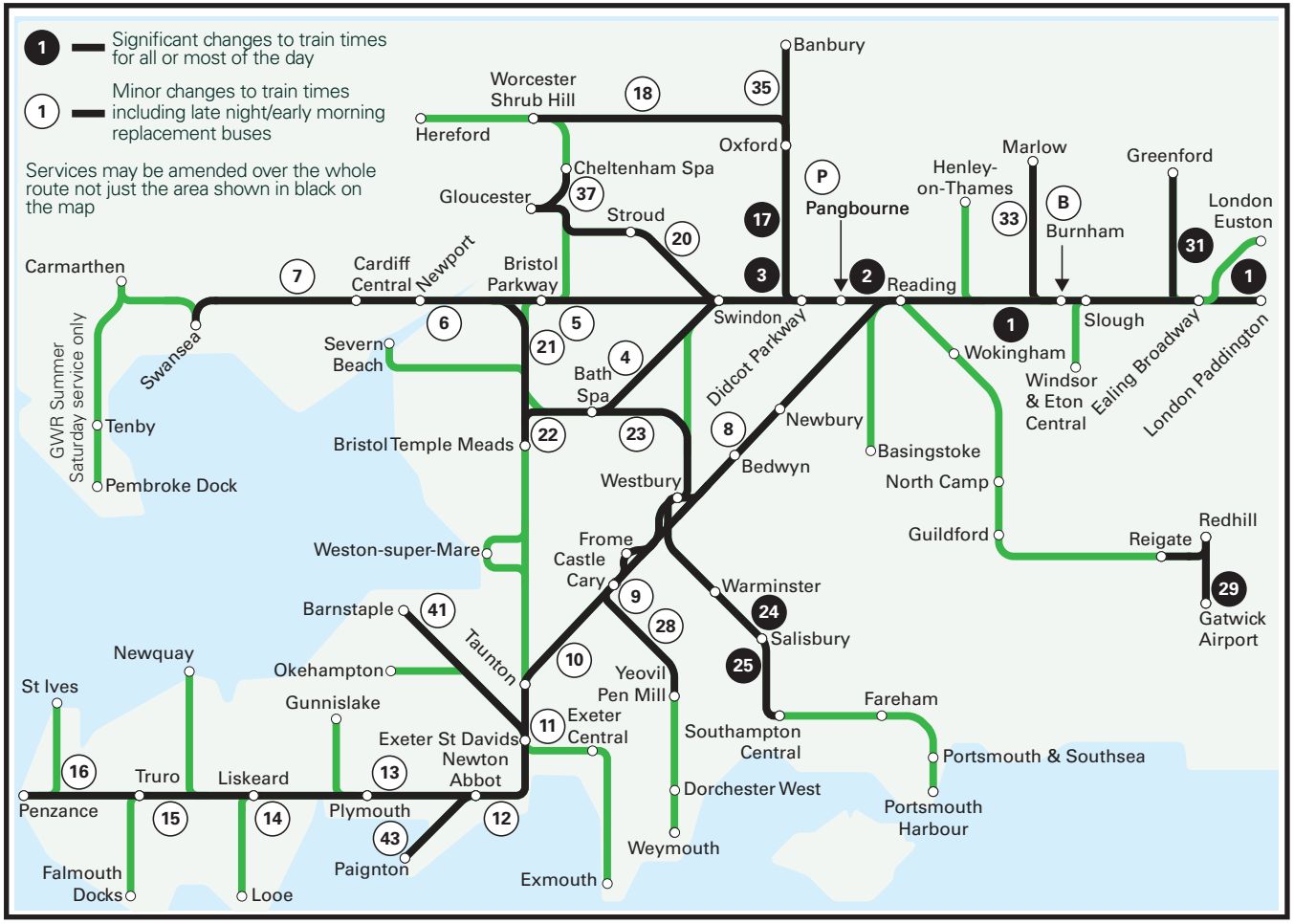
Summary of timetable changes

Saturday 26 December 2026 to Friday 1 January 2027



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This map shows a summary of planned improvement work taking place across our network.

Full details of this work can be found on the next pages.

You can check your journey details by:

- Using the train times and ticket section on our website at **GWR.com**
- By calling National Rail Enquiries on **03457 48 49 50**. (Calls may be recorded)

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Cycles, prams and items of bulky luggage cannot be carried on replacement buses during improvement works.

All information correct at time of publication. Errors and omissions excepted.

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1 2 17	**Sunday to Friday** - **All week, no GWR services will run to or from London Paddington.** Some High Speed services to / from Bristol Temple Meads and South Wales will be diverted to run from / to London Euston, and will not call at Reading or Didcot Parkway. Other services will be revised to start from or finish at Reading. Some services will not run at all, or will only run for part of their journey. Local stopping services between London Paddington, Reading and Didcot Parkway will only run between Slough, Reading and Didcot Parkway. **Journey times to and from London will be considerably extended**. Alternative services will also be available between Oxford and London Marylebone (operated by Chiltern Railways), between Reading and London Waterloo (operated by SWR) and between Windsor & Eton Riverside and London Waterloo (operated by SWR). **On Sunday to Wednesday**, replacement buses will run, serving intermediate stations between Ealing Broadway and Slough, also calling at Boston Manor (for Tube connections). **On Thursday and Friday**, Elizabeth line services will run between London Paddington and Hayes & Harlington, with replacement buses running between Hayes & Harlington and Slough. **Passengers are strongly advised to check their journey before travelling, especially when travelling later in the day, to ensure that their whole journey is still possible.**
3 4 17 18 22	**Sunday to Friday** - All week, all High Speed services from / to London Paddington will be subject to alteration. Some services between London Paddington and Bristol Temple Meads (and beyond) will be diverted to run from / to London Euston, not calling at Reading or Didcot Parkway. Other services will only run between Reading and Bristol Temple Meads (some beyond). Services between London Paddington and Cheltenham Spa will only run between Swindon and Cheltenham Spa. Services between London Paddington and North Cotswolds stations will only run between Reading and the North Cotswolds. A few services will not run at all, and other services will make additional stops instead. Alternative Chiltern Railways services will run between Oxford and London Marylebone. **On Monday to Friday**, direct services between Oxford and Bristol Temple Meads will not run. Passengers should use alternative services, changing en-route to complete their journeys. **Passengers are strongly advised to check their journey before travelling, especially when travelling later in the day, to ensure that their whole journey is still possible.**
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8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 43	**Sunday to Friday** - All week, all High Speed services from / to London Paddington will be subject to alteration. Most services from London Paddington to the West of England will start from Reading and most services from the West of England to London Paddington will finish their journeys at Reading. A few services will not run at all (including all direct services between London Paddington and Paignton), with other services making additional stops as a result. **The Night Riviera Sleeper** service between London Paddington and Penzance will not run at all this week. **Passengers are strongly advised to check their journey before travelling, especially when travelling later in the day, to ensure that their whole journey is still possible.**
9 22 23 28	**Monday to Wednesday** - The 2306 Bristol Temple Meads to Westbury will finish its journey at Bath Spa. A replacement bus will run from Bath Spa to Westbury. The 2345 Bristol Temple Meads to Frome will not run. No replacement transport will be provided - passengers should travel on an EARLIER service. The 2123 Portsmouth Harbour to Bristol Temple Meads will finish its journey at Westbury. A replacement bus will run from Westbury to Bath Spa, with a connecting rail service from Bath Spa to Bristol Temple Meads. **Monday to Thursday** - The 0612 Frome to London Paddington (finishing its journey at Reading) will start from Westbury. No replacement transport will be provided from Frome. The 0617 Yeovil Pen Mill to Gloucester will start from Frome. No replacement transport will be provided from Yeovil Pen Mill, Castle Cary or Bruton. In all cases, passengers should travel on the next available service.
20 37	**Monday to Thursday** - The 2216 Cheltenham Spa to Swindon will finish its journey at Gloucester. No replacement transport will be provided beyond Gloucester. The 2342 Swindon to Cheltenham Spa will not run. No replacement transport will be provided. In both cases, passengers should travel on an EARLIER service.

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21	**Monday and Tuesday** - The 2330 Cardiff Central to Bristol Temple Meads will be subject to later retimings after departing from Severn Tunnel Junction.
22 23 24 25	**Friday** - All day, buses will replace train services between Warminster, Salisbury and Southampton Central. Romsey will only be served by SWR replacement buses (to / from Salisbury) or scheduled rail services (to / from Southampton Central), on which valid GWR tickets will also be accepted. A revised and reduced rail service will run between Westbury and Warminster. A few other trains will either not run at all, or will only run for part of their journey. **Passengers are strongly advised to check their journey before travelling.**
29	**Sunday to Friday** - All week, services between Reading and Gatwick Airport will only run between Reading and Reigate. Replacement buses will run between Reigate and Gatwick Airport (non-stop) and between Reigate and Redhill. Passengers travelling between Redhill and Gatwick Airport should use other operators' replacement buses between Redhill and Horley, connecting with Southern / Thameslink rail services between Horley and Gatwick Airport.
31	**Monday to Friday** - All week, due to engineering work taking place between London Paddington and Maidenhead / Reading, services between West Ealing and Greenford (including the single direct service between London Paddington and Greenford each way) will not run. Passengers should use alternative TfL local bus / Tube services, on which valid GWR tickets will be accepted.
33	**Monday to Friday** - All week, a reduced, hourly service will run between Maidenhead, Bourne End and Marlow.
35	**Monday to Friday** - All week, some services between Didcot Parkway, Oxford and Banbury will only run between Oxford and Banbury. Some services will also be retimed, in a few cases, EARLIER than usual.
41	**Tuesday and Wednesday** - The 2054 Exmouth (2129 Exeter St Davids) to Barnstaple will finish its journey at Crediton. A replacement bus will run from Crediton to Barnstaple. The 2241 Barnstaple to Exeter St Davids will not run and will be replaced by a bus. In both cases, Yeoford will be served by a separate minibus / taxi shuttle to and from Crediton.
B	**Tuesday to Friday** - The 0127 Slough to Reading will not call at Burnham and Taplow. Replacement buses will run between Slough, Burnham and Taplow.
P	**Friday** - The 2338 London Paddington to Didcot Parkway will not call at Pangbourne. Replacement buses will run between Pangbourne and Tilehurst.

BOXING DAY - Saturday 26 December 2026

No GWR train services will run on Boxing Day.

MONDAY 28 December 2026 to NEW YEAR'S DAY - Friday 1 January 2027

On most routes, some early morning and morning / evening peak services will not run. Some other services will only run for part of their journey.
Please check your journey before travelling at **NationalRail.co.uk**

NEW YEAR'S EVE - Thursday 31 December 2026

In addition to the planned engineering work taking place, train services on all routes will finish running EARLIER than usual, from around 2130.
Please check your last train service time at **NationalRail.co.uk**

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NO GWR TRAINS TO OR FROM LONDON PADDINGTON - Sunday 27 December 2026 to Sunday 3 January 2027

High Speed services to and from London will run, with extended journey times, between:

- London Euston and Bristol Temple Meads (occasionally Weston-super-Mare / Taunton), not calling at Reading or Didcot Parkway
- London Euston and South Wales, not calling at Reading or Didcot Parkway

Other services will start or finish their journeys at Reading or Swindon and some services will not run at all.

The Night Riviera Sleeper will not run in either direction during this week, and will resume running on the night of **Sunday 3 January 2027**.
The service from London to Penzance will be diverted to start from London Euston, departing at 2315.
The service from Penzance to London will run into London Paddington as normal.

On Sunday 27 to Wednesday 30 December 2026, replacement buses will run between Ealing Broadway and Slough.
On Thursday 31 December 2026 to Sunday 3 January 2027, Elizabeth line trains will run between London Paddington and Hayes & Harlington, with replacement buses between Hayes & Harlington and Slough.

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