

WR Reporting Numbers Winter 1955

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This list is my 'best shot' to date. Much time has been spent on getting to this stage. I want to hear from anyone who spots errors or omissions please. The Winter Timetable ran from Monday 19 September 1955 to Sunday 10 June 1956. The listing is similar to the Summer 1955 timetable, but without SO Holiday trains, and some revisions in timing for or destinations.

The lists show when the number was to be carried, but this does not mean the train was limited only to run on the day when a number was to be carried or be carried for the whole journey. Also some trains that were numbered previously, continued to run without a number. A few trains that ran at different times on Saturdays to during the week standardised on the same time each day, e.g. 520 Torbay Express.

I have shown the titled trains, both up and down, that ran during this timetable, against their Reporting Number. I have omitted the first word The in such titles. Some titled trains did not run under their name on Saturdays, but a train with the same start time did run, shown when relevant here.

D – Daily (i.e. Mon – Sat and Sun), every day of the week

FO – Friday only (including overnight)

MX – Mondays excepted (i.e. Tue – Sat and Sun)

Q – ran as required

SO – Saturday only

SuO – Sunday only

SX – Saturday excepted (i.e. Mon – Fri)

W – Every Weekday (i.e. Mon – Sat)

WFS – Wednesday, Fridays, Sundays only

018	0030 D Paddington – Penzance (newspapers)
038	2250 MO Manchester (London Road) - Cardiff
100	0530 SX Paddington – Penzance (SO Minehead) via Bristol
107	0730 SX Paddington – Paignton (SO Kingswear) via Bristol
113	0820 SO Paddington – Weymouth
115	0830 SX (runs at beginning and end of timetable only) Paddington – Weymouth
116	0845 SX Paddington – Bristol (dn Bristolian)
119	0905 W Paddington – Bristol
122	0930 SX Paddington – Plymouth
130	1030 D Paddington – Penzance (down Cornish Riviera)
131	1035 QSX Paddington – Penzance
142	1115 D Paddington – Weston-super-Mare (down Merchant Venturer)
146	1200 D Paddington – Kingswear (down Torbay Express)
153	1530 W Paddington - Penzance
154	1615 W Paddington – Plymouth via Bristol
155	1705 W Paddington – Weston-super-Mare
157	1730 W Paddington – Plymouth (down Mayflower)
159	1830 W Paddington – Weston-super-Mare
163	0855 SX Paddington – Pembroke Dock
164	0955 SX Paddington – Swansea (down South Wales Pullman)
165	1055 W Paddington – Pembroke Dock (down Pembroke Coast Express)
166	1135 SO Paddington – Carmarthen
167	1155 D Paddington – Milford Haven
168	1350 SO Paddington – Carmarthen
169	1355 W Paddington – Pembroke Dock
171	1555 W Paddington – Fishguard
172	1655 W Paddington – Cheltenham Spa
173	1755 W Paddington – Carmarthen (down Red Dragon)
174	1750 W Paddington – Swansea
176	1835 W Paddington – Cheltenham Spa

178 1855 FO Paddington – Fishguard Harbour/MX - Swansea
180 0910 W Paddington – Birkenhead
181 0900 SX Paddington – Wolverhampton (down Inter-City)
183 1010 W Paddington – Aberystwyth (down Cambrian Coast Express)
185 1145 W Paddington – Hereford
186 1345 W Paddington – Hereford
187 1610 W Paddington – Birkenhead
189 1645 W Paddington – Hereford
192 1710 SX Paddington – Wolverhampton
195 1810 D Paddington – Birkenhead
196 1808 FO Paddington - Wolverhampton
198 1845 D Paddington – Hereford

205 1200 W Penzance – Crewe
208 0910 SX/1040 MO Liverpool – Plymouth
208 2240 SuO Liverpool – Plymouth; also
208 2140 FO Swindon - York

210 2125 SX Manchester (London Road) – Swansea
215 0005 D Cardiff - Liverpool
216 0905 SO Birkenhead – Plymouth
217 0010 MO Bristol - Manchester (London Road); also
217 1645 W Penzance - Manchester (London Road)
228 1155 SX Manchester (London Road) – Plymouth
240 1505 W/FSO/1515 SuO Manchester (London Road – Plymouth (SuO – Bristol)
241 0855 W Cardiff - Manchester (London Road)
246 2033 W Crewe - Cardiff
248 2020 W Crewe – Bristol
257 1640 SO Cardiff – Manchester (London Road)
262 0035 W (Manchester (London Road)/ 0140 SuO Crewe – Plymouth
263 0800 SX (0845 SO + SuO) Plymouth - Crewe
265 0040 SuO Cardiff – Manchester (London Road); also
265 1115 SO/1150 SX Swansea – Manchester (London Road)
273 0730 W Penzance – Manchester (London Road)
280 0125 D Crewe – Cardiff
283 0815 W Bristol - Manchester (London Road)
285 1310 W Plymouth – Liverpool
289 1805 SuO Cardiff – Crewe
301 1740 SuO Bristol – Crewe

350 0645 W Wolverhampton – Paddington
353 0730 W Shrewsbury – Paddington
355 0635 W Hereford – Paddington
360 0819 W Kidderminster (plus 0745 Hereford) – Paddington via Worcester
363 0725 SX Wolverhampton - Paddington
365 1115 W Aberystwyth – Paddington (up Cambrian Coast Express) – see NOTE at end
370 1635 SX Wolverhampton – Paddington (up Inter-City)
375 1440 W Birkenhead – Paddington
376 1720 FO Wolverhampton - Paddington
387 1540 W Weymouth Quay – Paddington

419 0625 W Bristol - Plymouth

450 0700 W Weston - Super - Mare – Paddington
455 0820 W Weston - Super - Mare – Paddington
463 1350 W Bristol - Paddington
470 1615 SX Bristol – Paddington via Bath
473 1630 SX Bristol – Paddington via Badminton (up Bristolian)
475 1635 SX Weston - Super - Mare – Paddington (up Merchant Venturer)

520	1125 W Kingswear – Paddington (up Torbay Express)
600	0700 SO/0715 SX Plymouth – Paddington
605	0830 W Plymouth – Paddington (up Mayflower)
608	0730 W Truro - Paddington
635	1000 W Penzance – Paddington (up Cornish Riviera)
636	1215 Q Plymouth – Paddington (or un-numbered from a Cornish start point such as Falmouth or Penzance, as far as Plymouth when it was numbered)
666	1535 FO Plymouth – Bristol Stapleton Road
675	1035 W Penzance – Wolverhampton (northbound Cornishman)
711	0355 WFS Fishguard Hbr - Paddington
715	0630 W Swansea – Paddington
716	0750 W Cardiff – Paddington
718	0455 MX Fishguard Hbr/0815 MO Cardiff – Paddington
720	0730 W Carmarthen – Paddington (up Red Dragon)
721	0945 W Cardiff - Paddington
724	0705 W Cheltenham Spa – Paddington
725	0800 W Cheltenham Spa – Paddington
730	1145 W Cheltenham Spa - Paddington
740	1110 W Milford Haven – Paddington
745	1155 W Milford Haven – Paddington
753	1310 W Pembroke Dock – Paddington (up Pembroke Coast Express)
755	1430 W Neyland – Paddington
758	1635 SX Swansea – Paddington (up South Wales Pullman)
825	0900 SX Wolverhampton – Penzance (southbound Cornishman)

NOTE re up Cambrian Coast Express. The same loco was used for both trains, as time allowed for this at Shrewsbury, so long as the down train was not too late. The loco for the up train never seemed to change the Reporting Number to the up train number, hence caption errors in published photos.

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