

## WR Reporting Numbers – Summer 1956

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This list is my 'best shot' to date. I do not claim it is 100% correct or complete, but much time has been spent on getting to this stage. I want to hear from anyone who spots errors or omissions please. The Summer Timetable from Monday 11 June to Sunday 16 September 1956. I do not have a precise record of the numbers that applied EXCEPT I believe they were mostly the same as those that applied in Summer 1955, except for some in the 500 – 599 range which were changed as I have shown here, and a handful of others.

The Summer timetable 1956 ended Saturday 16 September and all, with very few exceptions, Friday Night and Saturday Only trains ceased. Indeed most trains listed here as FO or SO ran only on specified periods within the 25 June – 16 September timeframe, at school and town holidays and Wakes Weeks times; and these were termed 'dated trains'. Some of them have been noted here.

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.

The list is very similar to Summer 1955, but there are 2 changes in train numbers (232 to 344, 244 to 346), and such changes in start time by a few minutes, and some trains go further, e.g. formerly to Birmingham, now to Wolverhampton.

D – Daily (i.e. Mon – Sat and Sun), every day of the week  
FO – Friday only (including overnight)  
LMR – London Midland Region (destination varied weekly)  
MX – Mondays excepted (i.e. Tue – Sat and Sun)  
Q – run as required  
SO – Saturday only  
SuO – Sunday only  
SX – Saturday excepted (i.e. Mon – Fri)  
W – Every Weekday (i.e. Mon – Sat)

010	2150 FO Paddington – Penzance
011	2212 FO Paddington – Penzance
012	2235 FO Paddington – Penzance
013	2250 FO Paddington – Newquay
015	2335 FO Paddington – Penzance
016	2350 FO Paddington – Penzance
018	0030 D Paddington – Penzance (newspapers)
019	0035 SO Paddington – Penzance
038	2250 MO Manchester (London Road) - Cardiff
100	0530 SX Paddington – Penzance (SO Minehead) via Bristol
102	0655 SO Paddington – Penzance
103	0700 SO Paddington – Kingswear
105	0705 SO Paddington (or 0725 SO Ealing Broadway on some dates) – Penzance
107	0730 SX Paddington – Paignton (SO Kingswear) via Bristol
108	0740 SO Paddington – Paignton
110	0810 SO Paddington – Paignton
113	0820 SO Paddington – Weymouth
114	0825 SO Paddington – Penzance
115	0820 SX (0830 SO) Paddington – Weymouth
116	0845 SX Paddington – Bristol
117	0850 SO Paddington – Paignton

119 0905 SX Paddington – Bristol (SO - Weston – super-Mare)  
120 0915 SO Paddington – Durston  
122 0930 SX Paddington – Falmouth (SO + Newquay)  
123 0935 SO Paddington – Minehead  
125 0940 SO Paddington - Paignton  
128 1020 SO Paddington – Kingswear  
130 1030 D Paddington – Penzance  
131 1035 QSX Paddington – Penzance  
133 1035 SO Paddington – Penzance  
135 1040 SO Paddington – Paignton  
136 1105 SO Swindon - Sheffield  
138 1100 SO Paddington – Penzance  
140 1105 SO Paddington – Penzance  
142 1115 D Paddington – Weston-super-Mare  
144 1130 SX Paddington –Penzance (SO Minehead)  
146 1200 D Paddington – Kingswear  
147 1205 SO Paddington – Plymouth  
149 1325SO Paddington – Kingswear  
150 1335 SO Paddington - Penzance  
152 1520 SO Paddington – Paignton  
153 1530 W Paddington - Penzance  
154 1615 W Paddington – Plymouth via Bristol  
155 1700 W Paddington – Weston-super-Mare  
156 1104 SO Bournemouth - Sheffield  
157 1730 W Paddington – Plymouth  
158 1819 FO Paddington – Bristol  
159 1830 W Paddington – Weston-super-Mare  
161 0755 SO Paddington – Carmarthen  
162 0840 SO /0850 SX Paddington – Pembroke Dock  
163 0855 SX Paddington – Pembroke Dock  
164 0955 SO Paddington – Neyland (SX Swansea)  
165 1055 W Paddington – Pembroke Dock  
166 1135 SO Paddington – Neyland  
167 1155 W Paddington – Milford Haven  
168 1350 SO Paddington – Carmarthen  
169 1355 W Paddington – Pembroke Dock  
170 1545 W Paddington – Fishguard Harbour  
171 1555 W Paddington – Neyland  
172 1655 W Paddington – Cheltenham  
173 1755 W Paddington – Carmarthen  
174 1750 W Paddington – Swansea  
176 1835 W Paddington – Cheltenham  
178 1855 W Paddington – Fishguard Harbour  
179 1905 FO Paddington – Fishguard Harbour  
180 0910 W Paddington – Birkenhead  
181 0900 SX Paddington – Wolverhampton (SO Pwllheli)  
183 1010 SX Paddington - Aberystwyth  
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 1710 W Paddington – Wolverhampton  
198 1845 D Paddington – Hereford

201 2222 FO York – Swindon  
202 2335 FO Liverpool – Penzance  
204 0810 SO Manchester (London Road) – Penzance; also  
204 1116 SO Bournemouth - Newcastle

205 1200 W Penzance – Crewe  
206 0805 SO Bournemouth – Newcastle  
208 0910 SX/0915 SO Liverpool – Plymouth  
208 2240 SuO Liverpool – Plymouth; also  
208 2140 FO Swindon - York

210 2125 SX Manchester (London Road) – Swansea  
212 0910 SX Manchester (London Road) – Plymouth (SO Paignton)  
214 1730 FO Glasgow (St. Enoch) – Plymouth  
215 0005 D Cardiff - Liverpool  
x216 0905 SO Birkenhead – Plymouth  
217 0010 MO Bristol - Manchester (London Road); also  
217 1645 W Penzance - Manchester (London Road)  
221 1905 SO Penzance - Manchester (Victoria)  
223 1004 SO Exeter - Manchester (London Road)  
227 0820 SO Cardiff – Manchester (Mayfield)  
228 1155 SX Manchester (London Road) – Plymouth  
230 0015 SO Manchester (London Road) – Paignton  
234 1500 SX/1505 SO + SuO Liverpool – Cardiff  
239 1015 SO Bradford - Poole  
240 1510 FSO/1515 SuO Manchester (London Road – Plymouth (SuO – Bristol)  
241 0855 W Cardiff - Manchester (London Road)  
243 2225 FO Derby – Bournemouth  
244 0825 SO Ilfracombe – Manchester (Exchange)  
247 2204 FO Sheffield - Portsmouth  
248 2020 W Crewe – Bristol  
252 2125 FO Manchester (London Road) – Newquay  
257 1640 SO Cardiff – Manchester (London Road)  
258 2235 FO Manchester (Victoria) – Paignton  
262 0035 SX (Manchester (London Road) – Penzance also  
262 0035 SO (Manchester (London Road) – Plymouth also  
262 0140 FO Crewe - Plymouth  
263 0600 SO Penzance – Crewe also  
263 0800 SX Plymouth – Crewe also  
263 0845 SuO Plymouth – Crewe  
265 0040 SuO Cardiff – Manchester (London Road); also  
265 1115 SO/1150 W Swansea – Manchester (London Road)  
268 2315 FO Manchester (Victoria) – Paignton  
273 0730 SX Penzance – Crewe also  
273 0750 SO Newquay – Manchester (London Road)  
280 0125 D Crewe – Cardiff  
283 0815 FO/Bristol - Manchester (London Road) also  
283 0815 SO Bristol – Liverpool  
284 0845 SO Liverpool – Penzance  
285 1005 W Penzance – Liverpool  
289 1815 SuO Cardiff – Crewe  
292 2315 FO Manchester (London Road) – Penzance  
300 0915 SO Blackpool – Cardiff  
301 1847 SuO Bristol – Crewe  
305 2000 SO Penzance – (Manchester (Victoria)  
314 1200 SO noon Manchester (London Road) – Cardiff  
329 1640 SO Penzance - Manchester (London Road)  
334 2110 FO Manchester (Victoria) – Paignton also  
334 2108 SO Manchester (Victoria) – Penzance  
335 1920 W Cardiff - Manchester (London Road)  
341 1640 FO Penzance - Manchester (London Road)  
344 1240 SO Cardiff - Manchester (Exchange)  
346 0825 SO Ilfracombe - Manchester (London Road)

350 0645 W Wolverhampton – Paddington

355 0730 W Shrewsbury – Paddington  
358 0635 W Hereford – Paddington  
360 0819 W Kidderminster – Paddington via Worcester  
363 0725 SX Wolverhampton - Paddington  
365 1115 SX Aberystwyth – Paddington  
370 1635 SX Wolverhampton – Paddington  
375 1435 W Birkenhead - Paddington  
380 0925 SO Weymouth Town – Wolverhampton  
383 1000 SO Weymouth Town – Birmingham  
384 1020 SO Weymouth Town – Wolverhampton  
385 1112 SO Weymouth Town – Paddington  
387 1545 W Weymouth Quay – Paddington  
388 1614 SO Weymouth Town – Paddington  
389 1618 SO Weymouth Town – Cardiff  
390 0900 SO Bournemouth Central – Cardiff  
391 0850 SO New Milton – Swansea  
392 0937 SO Portsmouth & Southsea – Cardiff  
395 0933 SO Portsmouth & Southsea – Cardiff  
396 1034 SO Portsmouth & Southsea – Cardiff  
397 1135 SO Portsmouth & Southsea – Cardiff  
398 1100 SO Brighton – Cardiff

400 1557 FO Newcastle - Penzance  
403 1915 FO Sheffield – Newquay  
405 0105 FO Bristol – Penzance  
408 2112 FO Nottingham – Paignton  
410 2200 FO Nottingham – Paignton  
413 2220 FO Sheffield – Paignton  
415 2050 FO Bradford – Paignton  
417 2210 FO Hull - Paignton  
418 2105 FO Newcastle – Paignton  
419 0625 SX Bristol - Plymouth  
420 0700 SO Swindon – Penzance  
423 0830 SO Weston - Super - Mare – Weymouth Town  
425 0935 SO Bristol – Penzance  
430 0635 SO Walsall – Kingswear  
433 0640 SO Leicester – Paignton  
435 0743 SO Nottingham – Plymouth  
438 0806 SO Sheffield – Kingswear  
440 1345 SO Bristol – Penzance  
442 0730 SO Newcastle – Paignton  
444 0925 SO Leeds – Paignton  
446 0925 SO Bradford – Paignton

450 0700 W Weston - Super - Mare – Paddington  
455 0820 W Weston - Super - Mare – Paddington  
457 1042 SO Weston – Super – Mare - Paddington  
460 1145 W Bristol – Paddington  
462 1105 SO Weston - Super - Mare – Paddington  
463 1350 SO Bristol - Paddington  
465 1358 SO Weston - Super - Mare (Locking Road) – Paddington  
470 1615 SX Bristol – Paddington via Bath  
473 1630 SX Bristol – Paddington via Badminton  
475 1635/SX /1641 SO Weston - Super - Mare – Paddington  
480 1405 SO Weston - Super - Mare (Locking Road) – Birmingham  
490 1350 SO Weston - Super – Mare (Locking Road) – Swansea  
493 1930 FO Swindon - Sheffield

503 2230 FO Paignton - Nottingham  
503 2230 FO Paignton - Nottingham

505 0800 SO Kingswear – Paddington  
508 0905 SO Minehead – Paddington  
510 0945 SO Churston – Paddington  
512 1040 SO Minehead – Paddington  
513 0605 SO Paignton - LMR  
515 1035 SO Torquay – Paddington  
517 2350 FO Paignton – Wolverhampton  
518 0605 SO Paignton - LMR  
520 1120 SO/1125 SX Kingswear – Paddington  
522 1155 SO Minehead – Paddington via Bristol  
523 0655 SO Paignton - Bradford  
525 1130 SO Torquay – Paddington  
527 1000 SO Torquay – Birmingham (Moor St.) via Oxford  
528 0710 SO Paignton - LMR  
529 1218 SO Newton Abbot - Paddington  
530 1330 SO Paignton – Paddington  
533 0745 SO Paignton - Newcastle  
535 1340 SO Kingswear – Paddington  
537 1035 SO Paignton - Wolverhampton  
540 1345 SO Paignton – Paddington \*  
542 1415 SO Minehead - Paddington  
543 0840 SO Paignton - Nottingham  
545 1445 SO Paignton – Paddington  
550 1615 SO Paignton – Paddington  
552 1015 SO Teignmouth – Bradford  
553 0852 SO Paignton - Sheffield  
555 1635 SO Kingswear – Paddington via Bristol  
557 1215 SO Kingswear – Wolverhampton  
560 1055 SO Ilfracombe – Birmingham  
563 0845 SO Kingswear – Bradford  
565 2310 FO Paignton – Manchester (London Road)  
567 1355 SO Paignton – Wolverhampton  
568 0640 SO Paignton - Stockport  
570 0745 SO Newton Abbot – Swansea  
573 1058 SO Paignton – Nottingham  
574 0825 SO Ilfracombe – Manchester (Exchange)  
575 1004 SO Exeter – Manchester (London Road)  
577 1455 SO Paignton - Wolverhampton  
578 0805 SO Paignton – Manchester (Victoria)  
579 0905 SO Paignton - Manchester (London Road)  
580 0905 SO Kingswear Swansea  
583 1425 SO Paignton - Derby  
585 1010 SO Paignton – Cardiff  
587 1510 SO Paignton - Wolverhampton  
588 1020 SO Kingswear - Crewe  
590 1205 SO Paignton - Cardiff  
593 1715 SO Paignton - Nottingham  
594 1230 SO Paignton – Manchester (London Road)  
595 1520 SO Kingswear – Cardiff  
597 2230 SO Paignton - Manchester

600 0700 SO Plymouth – Paddington (with portion of 0700 SO ex Kingswear added at Newton Abbot)  
600 0715 SX Plymouth – Paddington  
603 0725 SO Plymouth – Paddington  
605 0830 W Plymouth – Paddington  
608 0625 W Penzance - Paddington  
610 0815 SO Perranporth – Paddington  
615 0835 SO Falmouth – Paddington  
620 1115 SO Plymouth – Paddington  
623 0930 W Falmouth - Paddington

- 625 0820 SO Penzance – Paddington
- 630 0920 SO St. Ives – Paddington
- 635 1000 W Penzance – Paddington
- 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)
- 638 1000 SO Newquay – Paddington
- 640 1230 SO Newquay – Paddington
- 645 1150 SO Penzance – Paddington
- 647 1345 SO Newquay – Paddington
- 649 1320 SO Penzance – Paddington
- 663 1020 SO Penzance – Swansea
- 666 1535 FO Plymouth – Bristol Stapleton Road
- 670 0740 SO St. Austell - Wolverhampton
- 672 0730 SO Penzance – Wolverhampton
- 675 1035 W/1110 SO Penzance – Wolverhampton
- 676 1411 Q Exeter - Wolverhampton
- 678 1115 SO Newquay – Wolverhampton
- 683 0805 SO Newquay – Newcastle
- 685 1100 SO Newquay – York
- 688 1045 SO Penzance – Sheffield

**Named Train Routes**  
SHOWING PRINCIPAL STATIONS

The Inter-City		WEEKDAYS (Mondays to Fridays)	
London (Paddington) .. dep.	a.m. 9A 0	Wolverhampton (Low Level) .. dep.	p.m. 4A35
High Wycombe ..	9K32	Birmingham (Snow Hill) ..	5A 0
Birmingham (Snow Hill) arr.	11 15	Leamington Spa General ..	5 26
Wolverhampton	.. ..	High Wycombe .. arr.	6V46
(Low Level) .. ..	11 38	London (Paddington) .. ..	7 24

A—Seats can be reserved in advance on payment of a fee of 1s. 0d. per seat.  
K—Calls to pick up passengers only.  
V—Calls to set down passengers only.

REFRESHMENT CAR EXPRESS

- 700 0605 SO Cardiff – Paignton
- 703 0810 SO Newport – Paignton
- 704 0805 SO Cardiff – Kingswear
- 705 0905 SO Swansea – Kingswear
- 708 0817 SO Carmarthen – Penzance

710 0335 SO/0405 SuO Fishguard Hbr - Paddington  
711 0355 MX/0435 SuO Fishguard Hbr - Paddington  
712 0425 MX/0505 SuO Fishguard Hbr - Paddington  
715 0630 W Swansea – Paddington  
716 /0743 SO/0750 SX Cardiff – Paddington  
718 0455 MX Fishguard Hbr/0815 MO Cardiff – Paddington  
719 0820 SO Swansea/0945 SX Cardiff – Paddington  
720 0730 W Carmarthen – Paddington  
722 0955 SO Cardiff – Paddington  
724 0705 W Cheltenham – Paddington  
725 0800 W Cheltenham – Paddington  
730 1145 SO Cheltenham - Paddington  
733 0730 SO Pembroke Dock – Paddington  
735 0800 SO Neyland – Paddington  
736 0925 SO Carmarthen – Paddington  
739 1020 SO Pembroke Dock – Paddington  
740 1110 W Milford Haven – Paddington  
745 1200 W Milford Haven – Paddington  
750 1205 SO Pembroke – Dock – Paddington  
753 1310 W Pembroke Dock – Paddington  
755 1430 W Neyland – Paddington  
758 1635 SX Swansea - Paddington  
760 0900 SO Cardiff – Portsmouth & Southsea  
765 0928 SO Cardiff – New Milton  
770 1008 SO Cardiff – Portsmouth & Southsea  
775 1030 SO Cardiff – Portsmouth & Southsea  
780 0920 SO Swansea - Bournemouth  
783 1253 SO Cardiff – Portsmouth & Southsea  
785 1300 SO Cardiff – Brighton  
790 0810 SO Swansea - York  
793 1115 W Swansea – Manchester  
795 1250 W Cardiff - Manchester

805 2150 FO Wolverhampton – Penzance  
808 2240 FO Wolverhampton – Paignton  
810 0700 SO Birmingham – Penzance  
812 0730 SO Birmingham – Paignton  
815 0655 SO Wolverhampton – Paignton  
818 0830 SO Birmingham – Weston - Super - Mare  
820 0855 SO Wolverhampton – Penzance  
823 1055 SO Birmingham – Paignton  
825 0900 SX Wolverhampton – Penzance  
826 0910 QSX Wolverhampton - Kingswear  
827 1035 SO Wolverhampton – Paignton  
830 1050 SO Wolverhampton – Minehead  
848 0750 SO Birmingham – Weymouth  
850 0800 SO Birmingham – Weymouth  
855 0910 SO Wolverhampton – Paignton  
865 1105 SO Wolverhampton – Weymouth  
873 0910 SO Birmingham – Pembroke Dock  
875 1830 FO York – Swindon  
877 1545 W Birmingham – Swansea  
881 2142 FO Newcastle – Bournemouth  
887 0835 SO Newcastle – Bournemouth  
891 1336 SO Sheffield – Cardiff  
893 1008 SO Newcastle - Swansea

900 0030 SO Birmingham – Bournemouth  
903 0605 SO Birmingham – Bournemouth West  
905 0728 SO Wolverhampton – Hastings

907 0748 SO Wolverhampton – Portsmouth Harbour  
908 0840 SO Birmingham – Portsmouth & Southsea  
910 0905 SO Birmingham – Portsmouth & Southsea  
913 0840 SO Wolverhampton – Portsmouth Harbour  
915 0928 SO Birmingham - Portsmouth Harbour  
917 1010 SO Birmingham – Margate  
918 1020 SO Birmingham – Margate  
920 1040 SO Birmingham – Hastings  
923 0735 SO Birkenhead – Ramsgate  
925 1210 SO Birmingham – Bournemouth  
927 0920 SO Birkenhead – Bournemouth West  
929 0920 SO Birkenhead – Bournemouth West  
953 0850 SO Portsmouth – Birmingham  
955 0911 SO Portsmouth Harbour – Wolverhampton  
958 0855 SO Margate – Birmingham  
959 0847 SO Pokesdown - Birkenhead  
960 0932 SO Bournemouth Central – Wolverhampton  
963 0848 SO Hastings – Wolverhampton  
965 0930 SO Bournemouth West – Birkenhead  
968 0910 SO Margate – Wolverhampton  
970 0856 W Ramsgate – Birkenhead  
973 1150 SO Bournemouth Central – Birmingham  
975 1311 SO Portsmouth Harbour – Birmingham  
978 1330 SO Portsmouth Harbour – Birmingham  
980 1218 SO Hastings – Birmingham via Reading  
983 1438 SO Portsmouth Harbour – Wolverhampton  
985 1534 SO Portsmouth Harbour – Wolverhampton  
993 1025 SO Poole – Bradford (Exchange)  
995 1657 SO Portsmouth Harbour – Sheffield

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