

We hope you have the best day today at the ELR. This unique heritage experience wouldn't exist without the help of every single person who shares our love of the railway.

SUPPORT

We are a registered charity; as such, we rely on the generous help of our community of supporters and volunteers to keep the history and heritage of the ELR alive. Can we count on you, too?

Scan to support the
East Lancashire Railway



www.justgiving.com/campaign/supporttheelr

VOLUNTEER

The passion of our hundreds of volunteers keeps the trains running just as much as the coal that powers the engines! If you can give your time, there is a role for you here from staffing the ticket office to restoring and driving the trains.

Find out how to get
involved at the ELR



www.eastlancsrailway.org.uk/support-us/volunteer-with-us

COME BACK

The easiest way to support the ELR is to come back again and again. With a full calendar of events, day and evening, weekday and weekend, there is something for everyone.

Browse our events and
book your next trip



www.eastlancsrailway.org.uk/events

EVENTS 2026

Make sure you make a note in your diary of the following fantastic events.



Day Out With Thomas™



Vintage Vibes



Halloween Ghost Train



Santa Specials

Inspiration Train
21–24 January

Winter Warmer Diesel Day
7 February

Wonderland Adventure
18 February, 27 May, 12 August

Wizard Adventure
19 February, 9 April, 28 May,
6 August, 29–30 October

Dino Adventure
20 February, 29 May, 7 August

Small Engines Gala
21–22 February

Peter Rabbit™
3–4 April

Villain Academy
8 April, 13 August

Legends of Steam III
10–12 April

Day Out With Thomas™
2–4 May, 18–19 July, 3–4 October

Vintage Vibes
23–24 May

Scotsman at ELR
3–7, 10–14 June

Summer Diesel Gala
2–5 July

Goldilocks Adventure
21 August

Peppa Pig™
22 August

Bluey and Bingo™
12 September

Autumn Diesel Gala
18–19 September

Autumn Steam Gala
16–18 October

Halloween Ghost Trains
October

DMU Weekend
7–8 November

Santa Specials
November and December

EAST LANCASHIRE RAILWAY

2026 Timetable

Your daily itinerary and travel
companion for an adventure on
the East Lancashire Railway



Make sure you leave us a
review on Tripadvisor



	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	1st January 2026 - check web for timetable
JAN	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Open-House Weekend
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	
FEB	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Winter Warmer Diesel Day
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Small Engines Weekend
	23	24	25	26	27	28	1	
MAR	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
APR	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Legends of Steam
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
MAY	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	Day Out with Thomas™
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Vintage Vibes
JUN	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Scotsman at ELR
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
JUL	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	Summer Diesel Gala *2-5 July all services diesel
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Day Out with Thomas™
AUG	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
SEP	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Autumn Diesel Gala
OCT	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	Day Out with Thomas™
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
NOV	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Autumn Steam Gala
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	Halloween Ghost Trains
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	DMU Gala Weekend *all services diesel
DEC	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	Santa Specials
	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
								1st January 2027

ORANGE TIMETABLE

HEYWOOD	S	D	S	D	S	D
Heywood	-	-	11:10	13:00	13:50	15:45 16:35
Bury	-	10:40	11:30	13:25	14:20	15:58 ^a 16:48 ^a
Burrs CP	-	10:47	11:37	13:32	14:27	- -
Summerseat	-	10:52	11:42	13:37	14:32	- -
Ramsbottom	-	11:00	11:55	13:55	14:50	- -
Irwell Vale ^r	-	11:07 ^r	12:02 ^r	14:02 ^r	14:57 ^r	- -
Rawtenstall (Arr)	-	11:15	12:10	14:10	15:05	- -
RAWTENSTALL	D	S	D	S	D	S
Rawtenstall	-	11:35	12:30	14:30	15:25	- -
Irwell Vale ^r	-	11:42 ^r	12:37 ^r	14:37 ^r	15:32 ^r	- -
Ramsbottom	-	12:00	12:55	14:55	15:45	- -
Summerseat	-	12:05	13:00	15:00	15:50	- -
Burrs CP	-	12:10	13:05	15:05	15:55	- -
Bury	10:35	12:25	13:20	15:15	16:05	- -
Heywood (Arr)	10:48	12:38	13:33	15:28	16:18	- -

BLUE TIMETABLE

HEYWOOD	D	S	D	S	D	S	D
Heywood	-	-	10:15	11:10	13:00	13:50	15:45 16:35
Bury	-	09:00	10:40	11:30	13:25	14:20	16:10 16:48 ^a
Burrs CP	-	09:07	10:47	11:37	13:32	14:27	16:17 ⁿ -
Summerseat	-	09:12	10:52	11:42	13:37	14:32	16:22 -
Ramsbottom	-	09:20	11:00	11:55	13:55	14:50	16:35 -
Irwell Vale ^r	-	09:27 ^r	11:07 ^r	12:02 ^r	14:02 ^r	14:57 ^r	16:42 ⁿ -
Rawtenstall (Arr)	-	09:35	11:15	12:10	14:10	15:05	16:50 -
RAWTENSTALL	S	D	S	D	S	D	S
Rawtenstall	-	09:55	11:35	12:30	14:30	15:25	17:10 -
Irwell Vale ^r	-	10:02 ^r	11:42 ^r	12:37 ^r	14:37 ^r	15:32 ^r	17:17 ⁿ -
Ramsbottom	-	10:15	12:00	12:55	14:55	15:45	17:30 -
Summerseat	-	10:20	12:05	13:00	15:00	15:50	17:35 -
Burrs CP	-	10:25	12:10	13:05	15:05	15:55	17:40 ⁿ -
Bury	09:40	10:35	12:25	13:20	15:15	16:05	17:47 ^a -
Heywood (Arr)	09:53	10:48	12:38	13:33	15:28	16:18	- -

SPECIAL EVENTS

Please see eastlancsrailway.org.uk for timetables

HEYWOOD

HEYWOOD	S	S	S	S/D*	S/D*	S/D*
Heywood	NO SERVICE FROM HEYWOOD			-	09:40	12:20 15:45
Bury	10:00	12:30	15:00	-	10:00	13:15 16:05
Burrs CP	10:07	12:37	15:07	-	10:07	13:22 16:12 ⁿ
Summerseat	10:12	12:43	15:12	-	10:12	13:27 16:17
Ramsbottom	10:20	12:55	15:20	-	10:25	13:40 16:26
Irwell Vale ^r	10:27 ^r	13:05 ^r	15:27 ^r	-	10:32 ^r	13:47 ^r 16:33 ⁿ
Rawtenstall(Arr)	10:35	13:15	15:35	-	10:40	13:55 16:41
RAWTENSTALL	S	S	S	S/D*	S/D*	S/D*
Rawtenstall	10:55	13:45	15:55	-	11:00	14:25 17:00
Irwell Vale ^r	11:02 ^r	13:55 ^r	16:02 ^r	-	11:07 ^r	14:32 ^r 17:07 ⁿ
Ramsbottom	11:15	14:10	16:12	-	11:20	14:45 17:18
Summerseat	11:20	14:17	16:17	-	11:25	14:50 17:23
Burrs CP	11:25	14:24	16:22 ⁿ	-	11:30	14:55 17:28 ⁿ
Bury	11:32 ^a	14:31 ^a	16:29 ^a	09:10	11:45	15:10 17:35 ^a
Heywood(Arr)	NO SERVICE FROM HEYWOOD			09:23	11:58	15:23 -

*Please note that the services on Sundays during the following months will be diesel-hauled in February, March, and November.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- S** - Steam-hauled service
- D** - Diesel operated service
- n** - Does not stop in January, February, November and December
- a** - Arrival Time
- r** - Stop only on request
- Green** - there are no services operating to/from Heywood

When waiting to board a train at Irwell Vale.

Raise your hand in good time to signal the driver as the train approaches. The train will be moving slowly so the driver has time to see you and stop.

When alighting a train at Irwell Vale.

Inform the Guard on board that you wish to get off, letting them know in plenty of time before you reach the station.

Train will not stop in hours of darkness, denoted by **n** on timetable

Scan to view
the latest
timetables online



www.eastlancsrailway.org.uk/plan-your-day-out/timetables