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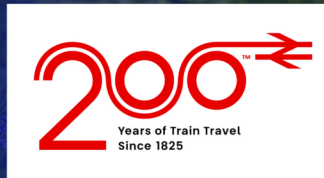


Eversholt Rail To Help Fund School Visits to Bluebell Railway's Railway 200 Event



We are delighted to announce that Eversholt Rail are sponsoring a significant number of school visits to the Bluebell Railway's Railway 200 event, which is taking place at the famous Sussex heritage railway over the summer.





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The Bluebell Railway is hosting a major Railway 200 event this summer, covering rail past, present and future. The public event will run from June to September, with fifteen days reserved for schools. Around 18,000 school children from London and the South East are expected to visit.

The children will learn about the history of railways, the STEM that underpins the rail industry, rail safety, the wide range of careers offered by the rail and logistics sectors and the role rail and mass transit systems will play in a net-zero Britain. They will also see a range of old and modern railway vehicles and working steam locomotives.

Schools who are interested in attending should email Railway200event@bluebell-railway.com for more details.

Jon Beardmore, Business Development Manager at the Bluebell Railway, explained:

"We want to make this event as affordable as possible for schools and the generous support of Eversholt Rail, together with our other rail industry partners, will allow this with funds being used to offer schools heavily subsidised entry to the Bluebell Railway."

Mary Kenny, Chief Executive Officer at Eversholt Rail, said:

"We are delighted to be supporting the Bluebell Railway in bringing children across the London and South East to the Railway 200 event. This is another fantastic way to engage with the younger generation to showcase the railway and the range of career opportunities and inspire them to pursue careers in the rail industry which is a key objective for our business."





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Editors' Notes

The Bluebell Railway

The Bluebell Railway is located in Sussex, and runs for 11 miles north from its headquarters at Sheffield Park to East Grinstead, where it connects with Network Rail and the national rail network.

The Bluebell Railway is the oldest standard-gauge preserved public railway in the world, and celebrates its own 65th anniversary in 2025. The Bluebell Railway is one of Sussex's top tourist attractions and is the custodian of probably the finest private collection of heritage railway vehicles in Britain. The railway regularly features in films, on TV and in print, most recently in Blitz. Visit www.bluebell-railway.com or contact jon.beardmore@bluebell-railway.com for more information.

In 2025 the Bluebell Railway will host a major event running from June to September to celebrate Railway 200, as part of the national Railway 200 celebrations (see www.railway200.com). Up to 18,000 school children will visit the railway at the end of the summer term to learn about history, STEM, rail safety and careers in the rail and logistics sector, with the event open also to the public over the summer. See www.bluebell-railway.com/railway-200 for more details.

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