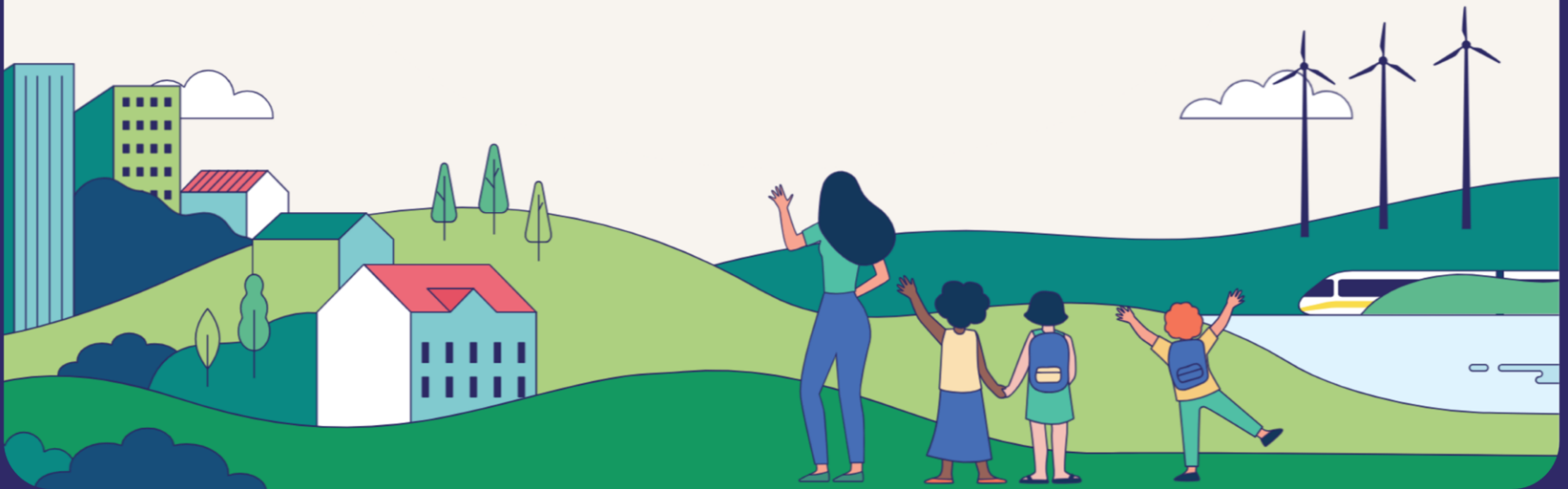
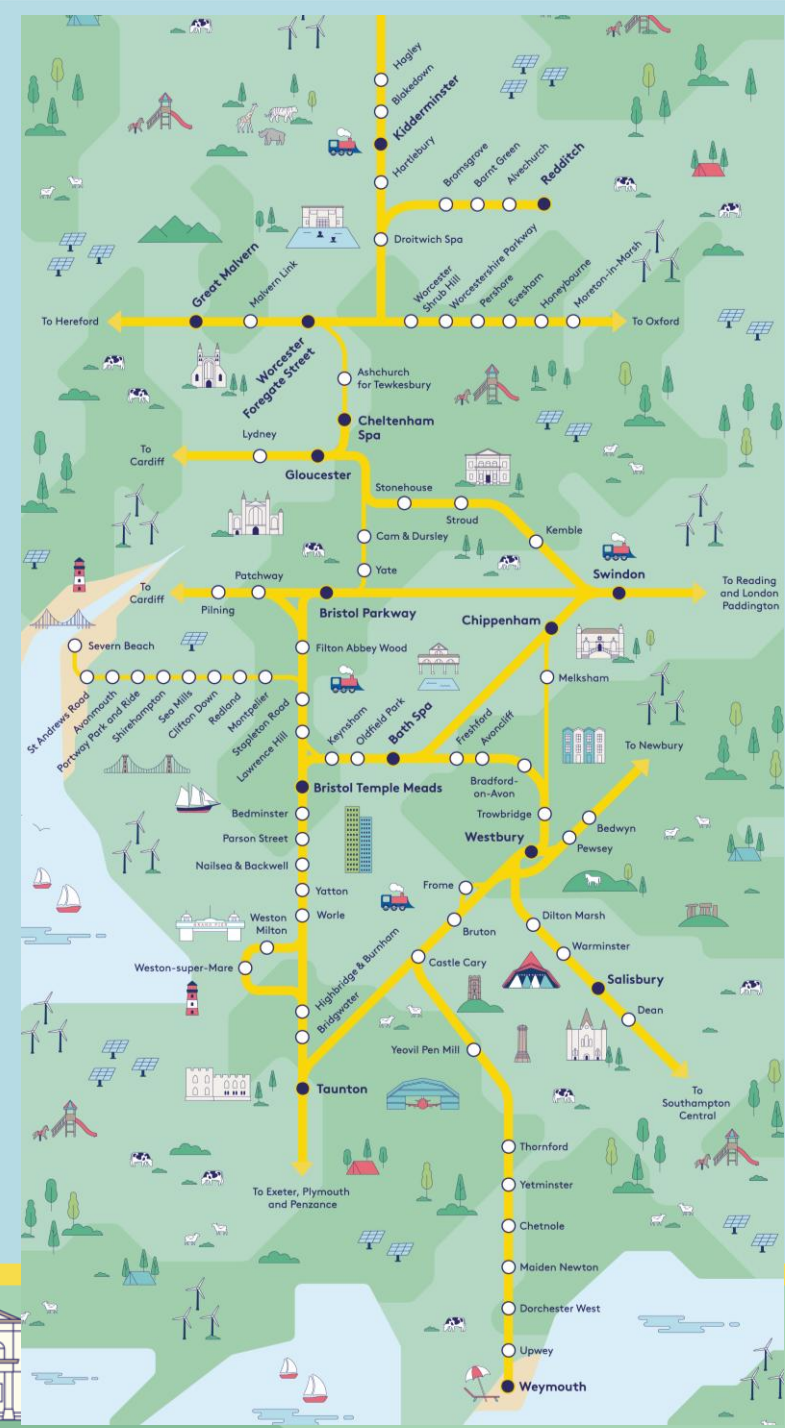


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Connecting classrooms to local rail



- Through free workshops and train-trips, Platform helps teachers to build their students' knowledge of rail-safety, their understanding of sustainable and healthy travel, and their confidence in using trains.
- Since launching the scheme in May 2022, the Platform team have delivered rail education to over 20,000 young people and taken over 8,000 of them on train trips.
- We cover 5 CRP areas: Severnside, Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, TransWilts and South Wessex.





GWR

Great Western
Railway

crosscountry 

Our funding partners

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Meet the Team

We are qualified, experienced teachers with a current, working knowledge of classroom requirements, putting us in a perfect position to form a bridge between schools, curriculums, and the rail industry.



Tom Blow

LEARNING DEVELOPMENT
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Sophie Lounds

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Free online resources for teachers



Location **Classroom**

HUMANITIES - KS2

Zoom Vroom Whoosh! KS2 Spanish

This super Spanish resource introduces transport vocabulary while sparking conversations about greener travel choices.

Linked to
national
curriculum

Designed to
be delivered
by non-
specialists



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A day in the life of Platform

Workshops:

- Rail safety and travel confidence
- RailWAY careers
- Terrific time travel
- Journey planning
- County lines
- From Early Years to post 16 classes
- Mainstream and specialist settings



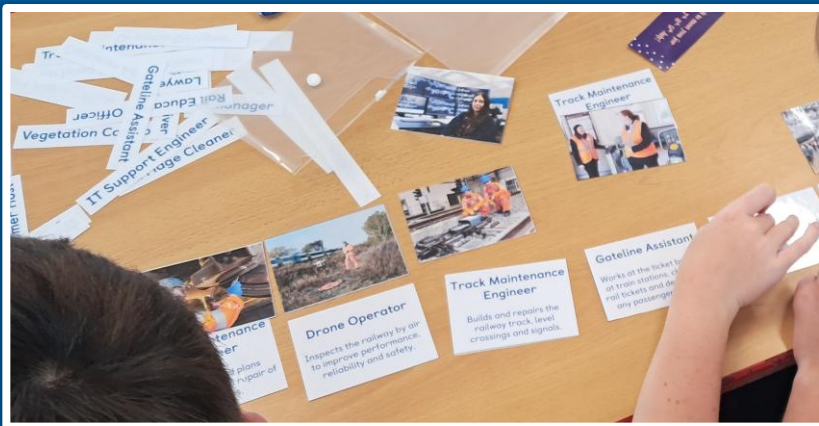
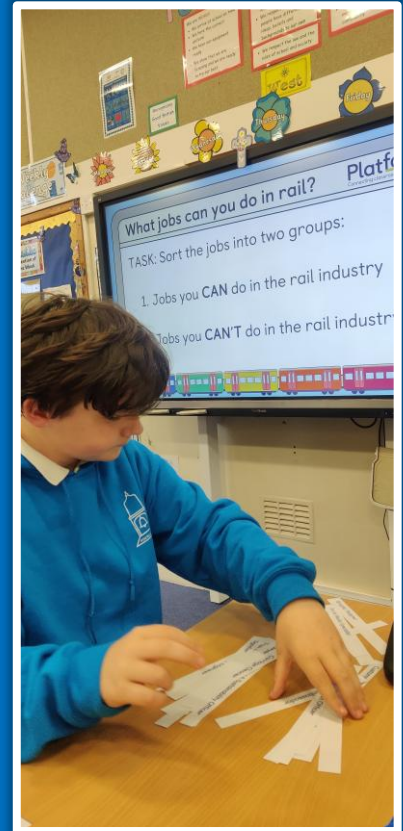
Rail safety and travel confidence

- Bespoke rail safety for all key stages
- Developed with industry experts
- Embedding key safety messages



RailWAY Careers

- Bespoke careers workshop for Key Stage 2
- Widening aspirations for youth (WAY) and combatting stereotypes
- Community Rail Award entry



A day in the life of Platform

Trips:

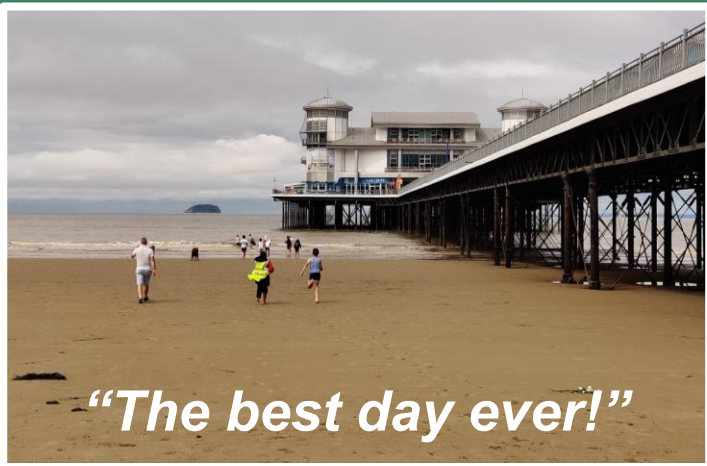
- Drop offs
- Trips and workshops
- Educational settings
- Station and rail familiarisation

Any class that
has a workshop
has the option
of a free train
trip



I can see the sea!

- May to July 2025, 453 students travelled with us to Weston-Super-Mare
- Future collaboration with North Somerset council to develop a beach package with ice cream, beach reservation and toilet pass
- An amazing opportunity to embed learning and have a real-life experience on the railway



South Bristol Youth

SBY

- 17 trips and workshops in 2024-2025 with 291 year 9 and year 10 students
- Insight Into Apprenticeships: Bridgwater and Taunton College, Weston Skills Centre
- Future Quest: Weston College, University Centre Weston, BIMM Bristol
- End of year celebration trips from Taunton, Weston Super Mare and Bridgwater to Bristol
- This academic year working with the GWR Bristol Temple Meads team to give real insight into careers and apprenticeships



In Brunel's Footsteps



"I can honestly say that this experience has been the most meaningful opportunity I have had the pleasure to be involved with, in my 23 year career...EVERY child benefitted from this experience in different ways Every member of staff was up skilled in some way...Without doubt, this experience improved the life experiences of a significant number of children...This would not have been possible without the passion, organisation and funding behind this initiative. Thank you so much for having this vision and making this valuable opportunity accessible and so enjoyable."

Liz Hancock, Deputy Headteacher, Beechcroft Infant School



Data capture

Plickers

- Real-time quiz responses
- Generating reports to show outcomes and progress during workshops



Plickers Results

Fill in your Plickers data after each workshop here.

platformraileducation@gmail.com [Switch accounts](#)

Not shared

* Indicates required question

Impact

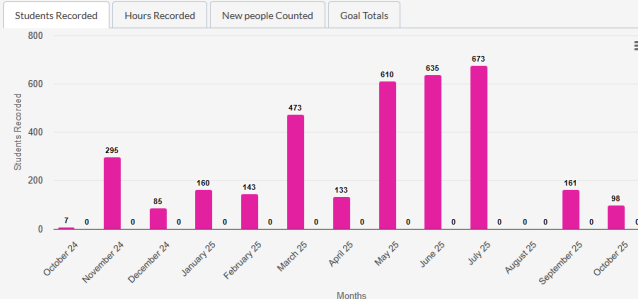
- Record of every trip and workshop
- Survey links for students and teachers for quality checks and to promote Platform to our stakeholders
- Informs funding bids for future delivery
- Beginning to explore social values tools as well but early days!

Platform Trips 24-25

Activity feed More info Cross-tab report Downloads Map Evidence

22/10/2024 → 22/10/2025

Total: 3,473 Students



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2024 – 2025 A busy year!

A key funding initiative in 24-25
was careers focused delivery



2025 - 2026

Already since September...

- More than 900 students have had rail safety workshops
- Almost 300 students have been on train trips

Booked until Christmas...

- More than 250 students in rail safety workshops
- 20 SEND students in County Lines workshops
- More than 450 students going on trips
- Inspiration train with West Somerset Rail
- Into Film

And for the rest of the academic year...

- Repeat bookings for summer term already in!
- I only have 10 free days until the end of the academic year

Plans for the future

- Track to the Future – heritage destinations (Severn Valley Railway, STEAM, Inspiration Train)
- New County Lines workshop to target older students in our region
- Closer links with Network Rail and GWR
- Working more closely with local councils to deliver 'package trips' e.g. Weston Beach package
- Integrated travel options for schools located further away from train stations but in high-risk areas
- Integrated travel options with new partners such as Bristol Ferry Boats to SS Great Britain
- South Western Rail CCIF in Jan 2026 (Dorchester, Salisbury, Weymouth, Yeovil)