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Weather incidents

The hot weather yesterday and storms today have caused a number of problems on the railway network. Yesterday, delays on the WCML were caused by a buckled rail at Bletchley on the Down Fast and speed restrictions imposed due to the high temperatures.

Today lightning strikes caused signalling problems in the Lancing area and at Petersfield on the Portsmouth direct, with Waterloo services diverted via Basingstoke, Winchester, Eastleigh, Botley and Fareham. A further lightning strike in the Three Bridges area knocked out all signalling for a time leading to delays.

390054 test

The 11-car Pendolino is due to be out on test on the WCML again tomorrow, starting the day at Edge Hill, it is planned to make a number of runs to/from Euston.

47s to Great Yarmouth

As well as the booked drags on a Saturday, a pair of DRS Class 47s - 47712 *Pride of Carlisle* and 47841 have been top and tailing two Mk.3s and a DVT on a peak hours only diagram Norwich to Great Yarmouth and return. This is to cover for the non-availability of a Class 156 unit.