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Avanti West Coast's first refurbished Pendolino has returned to service after being transformed as part of the UK's biggest train upgrade.

Customers onboard Monday's 05:05 Manchester Piccadilly to London service were the first to travel on the upgraded Pendolino.

The remaining 55 trains are to receive the same treatment as part of the £117 million programme with the second set due back in service early next month.

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Train companies have reduced the amount of time it takes to book Passenger Assist from six hours ahead to two.

This reduction will give disabled customers and others who require assistance greater flexibility and control over their journeys, the Rail Delivery Group has said.

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**Four artists** have been chosen to create artwork for the new fleet of Tyne and Wear Metro trains.

Nexus, which runs the Metro, picked the artists following an open call to create an artwork for the £362 million new train fleet, making it the first system in the world to have permanent art inside.

Each artist will produce a piece for the 46 trains entering the fleet, which will cover the full height and width of the end walls of the carriages.

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The Railway Benefit Fund (RBF) is kicking off its second ever **'Railway Family Week'** today and which will run until April 30th.

Thanks to the amazing support RBF received from the rail industry last year, the charity was able to raise more than £50,000 throughout the week.

In 2021, 858 people benefitted from the charity's financial services – one fifth of which were made possible thanks to the money raised from Railway Family Week.

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