

Two bus services serving our area

Villages in our parish now benefit from two regular bus services that are open to all members of the public:

- The **918** (blue double decker), which runs between Severn Beach and Thornbury (Rock Street and The Castle School) at the start and end of the school day, on weekdays.
- The **Y2C** (minibus), a pilot service which runs between Yate and Cribbs Causeway 11 times per day, from Monday to Saturday.

Both services need the support of local people to make sure they continue to operate, so please make sure you use them. You can pay on board for both services; they should accept cash or card.

What's the difference?

As well as stopping at Rock Street in Thornbury, **the 918** delivers and collects students within the school grounds at The Castle School (especially useful in bad weather or if carrying lots of stuff). It is a larger bus, with the capacity to carry all the students. The service isn't just for school children though: it can be used by anyone. At the other end of its journey, the 918 serves Easter Compton, Pilning and Severn Beach (not Cribbs Causeway). It is operated by Eurocoaches.

The Y2C is a new, pilot, minibus service which started on 1st September 2025.. It runs between Yate and Cribbs Causeway (not Severn Beach) and also runs on Saturdays (same timetable as weekdays). It uses Westlink minibuses, but is a scheduled service, using regular bus stops, and doesn't need to be booked via the app or phone. The timing of the Y2C service has been arranged to complement the 918 rather than compete with it. In particular, the 16.31 service from Thornbury could be useful for students doing after school activities.



Why should we support the buses?

Since the loss of our former regular 622 bus service in April 2023, many people have campaigned for the return of a regular service to connect our villages, particularly to help people who have no other transport. The 918 has been operating since 2023, because parents have conducted an ongoing, successful campaign so that children can reach The Castle School by public transport. Working with South Gloucestershire Council, the campaign recently secured funding until July 2026, and it will continue to seek funding for future years. For more information contact: cbrewser@freeuk.com.

Now, efforts by the Council mean the new pilot Y2C scheme is in place, with scheduled buses running throughout the day. However, the pilot must be supported if this service is to continue in the long term.

You can find the full timetables, including all stops, by searching online. Here is a summary for Olveston Parish.

Buses towards Thornbury (weekdays)

	Y2C	Y2C	918	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C
Severn Beach	-	-	0730	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cribbs	0600	0725	-	0850	1015	1140	1305	1430	1555	1720	1845	2010
Tockington	0623	0748	0804	0913	1038	1203	1328	1453	1618	1743	1908	2033
Olveston	0626	0751	0806	0916	1041	1206	1331	1456	1621	1746	1911	2036
Old Down	0629	0754	0809	0919	1044	1209	1334	1459	1624	1749	1914	2039
Rock Street	0641	0806	0819	0931	1056	1221	1346	1511	1636	1801	1926	2051
Castle School	-	-	0825	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Buses towards Cribbs/Severn Beach (weekdays)

	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	918	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C
Castle School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1530	-	-	-	-
Rock Street	0637	0801	0926	1051	1216	1341	1506	1535	1631	1756	1921	2046
Old Down	0648	0812	0937	1102	1227	1352	1517	1542	1642	1807	1932	2057
Olveston	0652	0816	0941	1106	1231	1356	1521	1545	1646	1811	1936	2101
Tockington	0655	0819	0944	1109	1234	1359	1524	1550	1649	1814	1939	2104
Cribbs	0717	0841	1006	1131	1256	1421	1546	-	1711	1836	2001	2126
Severn Beach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1622	-	-	-	-