

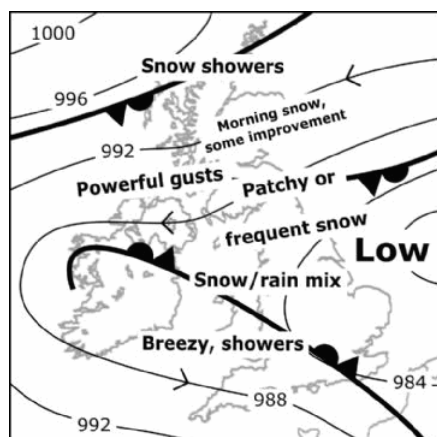
Lake District

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General Summary for Thursday, 12 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 February, 2026

Very cold in Scotland with strong wind. Snow in the central/south highlands, some improvement from the north. Blustery too in north England, cloudy with patchy morning snow, later more frequent. South Pennines and north Wales see rain and snow with lighter wind. Blustery with patchy rain south Wales.

Headline for Lake District

Cold and blustery; patchy snow, most frequent later

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 12 February, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	East-northeasterly 25-35mph, powerful gusts to the west early in the day; a few moments of lighter wind possible
Effect of wind on you?	Prepare for strenuous walking with stability challenges in exposure and significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy snow, risk more widely afternoon and to lower elevations Patchy precipitation affecting the fells most of the day, falling as snow above 400-500m, likely becoming more persistent and the snowfall level dropping with time.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive Cloud shrouds most high terrain all day. Base height may vary, some western aspects seeing breaks towards 700-800m, but also variably more widespread to middle slopes.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine unlikely. Very poor visibility in fog and snow.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1C from dawn, lowering to -2C, further dropping overnight. Feeling like -13 to -15C in direct wind.
Freezing Level	500 to 700m, lowest north and east Lakes, more variable furthest southwest; dropping further overnight.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 13 February	Saturday 14 February
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Northeasterly, trending northerly, 25-35mph, beginning to ease later in the day. Walking strenuous, notably on exposed tops/edges where stability at times challenged; significant wind chill.	Northwesterly 15mph or less, shifting west then southwesterly, later strengthening to 20-25mph, deteriorating overnight. Fairly small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Substantially dry Some early light snow is possible, this soon moving south for a substantially dry day, only an odd shower later.	No precipitation expected during daylight Overnight, snow arrives from the west, gradually spreading widely, falling as rain to increasingly higher elevations.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Early cloud lifts and breaks, best southwest Early cloud affecting fells from 700m up, locally lower, soon starting to improve, gradually trending towards patches on high terrain, at times breaking off summits. Fells to the southwest becoming clearest. 30% rising to 60%	Little or no cloud With time, an increasing chance of odd patches grazing the highest fells, but otherwise no cloud. 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun increasingly present as hill cloud lifts and breaks and high cloud slips south. Excellent visibility.	Extensive sunshine with very good visibility. High cloud moves in from the west with time.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-4C, may rise a degree afternoon where sun breaks out. Feeling like -17 to -20C in strongest wind. Terrain frozen from low slopes up in the morning, thawing on low slopes where exposed to sun, locally to 400m.	-2 or -3C. Terrain widely frozen from dawn, thaws up to 300-500m with time, highest where sun-exposed.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 13 February, 2026

Colder for all areas during the transition into the weekend, mountain terrain frozen to increasingly lower elevations - soonest toward the north and east of Scotland. A widespread frost early on Saturday. Northeasterly wind will be dominant - the distribution of snow showers shifting with time from eastern hills to more north-facing mountains, particularly Scotland. Brighter than recently with sunshine and clearer hills later Friday and Saturday.

Gales with heavy snow (rain to increasingly higher elevations) overnight into Sunday brings a return to unsettled weather for the following week - wet and windy periods come and go, freezing levels rising (high Scotland terrain stays frozen), then lowering again during periods of northwesterly wind.

Forecast issued at 7:10 on Thursday, 12 February, 2026

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