

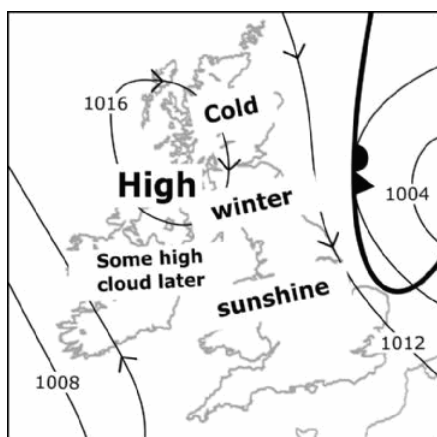
Lake District

The entire Lake District National Park, taking in all major summits, including Scafell, Helvellyn, Skiddaw, the Langdales and Old Man of Coniston.



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General Summary for Tuesday, 17 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 February, 2026

Early snow showers in northern Scotland and north Wales, these easing to dry and sunny conditions across the country. Lying snow remains on most slopes above 700-800m, locally lower. A blustery morning, particularly eastern areas where powerful gusts will reach gale force, but easing to fairly small effects widely.

Headline for Lake District

Cold winter sunshine over lying snow; blustery early

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 17 February, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Northerly 30 to 35mph early morning, risk stronger up to dawn, and also quite gusty over high terrain. Easing with time to N-NE'ly 15mph or less later afternoon into evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Prepare for considerable wind chill in the morning, blustery conditions for a few hours at least, but improving to small effects later in the day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No precipitation
Cloud on the hills?	Very little if any
Chance of cloud free summits?	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine, some thin high cloud approaching later. Superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-4 or -3C. Early in day, feeling like -10 to -13C directly in the wind, easing.
Freezing Level	300-400m but most terrain frozen: partial thawing lowest sunlit slopes, then lowering overnight.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 18 February	Thursday 19 February
How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 30-40mph, at times stronger with powerful gusts in high exposure and elevated passes.	Southeasterly 35-40mph and gusty; a gradual southerly trend with time and trending towards lighter speeds.
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous walking and significant wind chill; stability constantly affected on high terrain in buffeting gusts.	Walking arduous to start the day, effects easing but walking remains strenuous with buffeting and significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation unlikely	Any precipitation unlikely
Cloud on the hills?	Little or no cloud A few caps may graze the highest fell tops but likely no cloud.	No cloud expected
Chance of cloud free summits?	90%	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Likely sunny but weakened by high cloud. Very good visibility.	Often sunny but weakened by high cloud. Very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-2 or -3C. Feeling as cold as -18C in strongest wind.	-3C from dawn, lifting slightly, to -1C but local variability is likely.
Freezing Level	Terrain widely frozen from dawn, some thawing of lower slopes, locally higher to the northwest.	Most terrain frozen from dawn, lifting to 500-600m, though higher thaws possible towards north and west Lakeland.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 18 February, 2026

Much terrain frozen midweek, frost into valleys and glens. Strengthening wind on Wednesday with considerable gustiness. Gales likely in Wales; possible snow moving into Wales as well, which may move further north but detail is uncertain. Late in the week and through next weekend, a switch to southwesterly winds is expected, bringing a change to milder conditions - lifting above freezing to tops in England and Wales, and generally higher freezing levels in Scotland; periods of thawing likely to Munro summits, though some further snowfall at times on higher Munros during periods of cooler northwesterly wind. Rain most frequent over western hills. Generally windy with upland gales.

Forecast issued at 15:52 on Monday, 16 February, 2026

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