

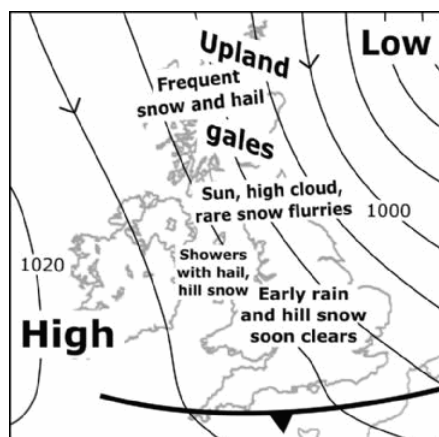
# Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

The entire Yorkshire Dales National Park and North Pennines AONB, including the Three Peaks and Cross Fell, plus Howgills, also south to Forest of Bowland.



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## General Summary for Thursday, 1 January, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 1 January, 2026

Cold north-northwesterly winds, widely gale force over the mountains, difficult conditions with severe chill factor on Scottish high tops. Showery snow and hail frequent in northern Scotland. Rare showers central Scotland and northern England. Early rain and hill snow followed by showers in Wales.

### Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Gales on high tops, largely dry, many tops often clear.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 1 January, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Northwesterly 35 to 45mph, strongest higher North Pennines, at times 50mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Strenuous walking, frequent buffeting over most high terrain, more challenging in exposure higher up in northern areas. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Generally dry daytime</b> Overnight, a band of showery rain, or falling as snow above 600m, clearing south before first light. Largely dry day, rare if any brief snow showers. Greater risk of scattered snow showers into the evening and night.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Soon little if any</b> Patches grazing higher slopes, mostly early in day, lifting largely above tops.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of sunshine, some high cloud. Visibility very good.
<b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b>	0 or -1C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	4 or 5C, little change from night into day, but then dropping to freezing onward into evening.

	Friday 2 January	Saturday 3 January
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	North-northwesterly 25 to 35mph, at times 40mph higher North Pennines, risk nearer 50mph for a few hours from dawn.	North to northwesterly 25 to 40mph, strongest higher North Pennines.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Significant wind chill over the fells. Strenuous walking in exposure on higher terrain.</b>	<b>Continued significant wind chill over the hills. Frequent buffeting on exposed higher terrain.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Precipitation unlikely</b>	<b>Precipitation unlikely</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly little</b>  Patches clipping high tops occasionally, mainly in north, but mostly clear fells.	<b>Little if any</b>  Occasional patches mainly higher North Pennines. Largely clear Yorks Dales NP.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny. Visibility excellent.	Mostly sunny. Visibility excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b>	-4C. Wind chill feeling like -15C on tops.	-4 or -5C. Wind chill feeling like -17C in exposure on high tops.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	Near or just below 0C from dawn, rising to max 2C, then rapidly dropping below freezing into evening-night.	Terrain widely frozen, starting locally below -5C from dawn, staying sub-zero in some valleys, max 0 or 1C.

## Planning Outlook

**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 2 January, 2026**

Terrain extensively frozen onward into the weekend and early next week at least ; sub-zero temperatures from the glens upward in Scotland and some valleys inland in northern England. Substantial fresh snow accumulations in the North West Highlands and Cairngorms, heavy showers streaming in from the north also containing hail. Largely dry and sunny from central Scotland to northern England. Hail and snow showers will run in north and west Wales from the sea . Bitter northerly winds, up to gale force higher tops, tending to lessen into Sunday. Some fluctuation of freezing level during next week, but some fronts moving in from northwest likely bring snowfall to hills at times more widely.

**Forecast issued at 15:55 on Wednesday, 31 December, 2025**

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