

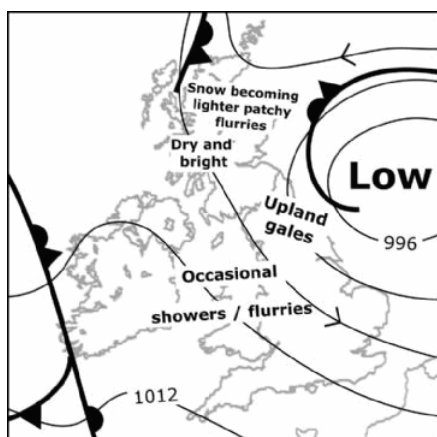
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Wednesday, 7 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 7 January, 2026

Gale-force NW'ly winds England, Wales and S Scotland, slowly lessen from west. Areas of snow falling over N & E Scotland tends to ease and become patchy. A few showers or flurries elsewhere, but largely dry SW Highlands. Much terrain remains frozen, substantial snow depths much of Highlands.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Gales over the tops. Most places dry, isolated flurries.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 7 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	North to northwesterly 40 to 50mph, strongest North Pennines, gusts 60mph in places around high tops; easing a little in afternoon toward 30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Significant wind chill and challenging conditions on high terrain in morning, strenuous walking all hills much of day, often affecting balance.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry, rare flurries Rare if any brief snow flurries, mainly northeastern areas, otherwise most or all day likely dry. Into night, some snow flurries move onto hills in western Yorks Dales, sleet lower slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly little west Banks of cloud most persistent over northern Pennines, particularly eastern areas. Broken cloud drifting over tops elsewhere, but mostly little western Dales.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80% west, to 40% NE Pennines.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mix of cloud and sun. Visibility mostly very good.
How Cold? (at 700m)	-2 or -3C. Feeling like -15C if exposed to wind.
And in the valleys	0 or -1C at dawn, rising to 2C afternoon. Much terrain frozen.

	Thursday 8 January	Friday 9 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly at first 15 to 20mph, soon often less, variable direction. Strengthening E-NE'ly evening-night.	Northerly 20 to 35mph, risk stronger early in day.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small during daytime.	May make walking uncomfortable with considerable wind chill on high terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rare light snow Often dry, but possible snow flurries mostly western hills, sleet or rain low-mid slopes. Later evening into night, risk of snow becoming persistent, mainly southern areas.	Flurries mostly morning Risk of snow from overnight continuing into morning, sleet lower slopes, tending to fade to flurries and gradually fade out.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied cloud and fog Patchy cloud around some higher tops, possible fog some valleys also.	Fairly extensive, may improve Shrouding most fells in the morning, banks of cloud mid-slopes up in eastern areas. Tending to thin and break in western areas, gradually may lift more widely.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Varied cloud and sun, likely better east; a veil of high cloud. Visibility very good in places, but risk misty or hazy some lower areas.	Overcast, may gradually become brighter, but high cloud likely obscures sun. Difficult navigation if in fog over snow cover, visibility may improve with time.
How Cold? (at 700m)	-1 or -2C.	-1 or -2C. Feeling near/below -10C if exposed to stronger winds.
And in the valleys	Frost many valleys, all day out of sunlight, starting around -1C to local -3C. Rising to max 2 or 3C.	0C from dawn, up to 2C afternoon.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 8 January, 2026

Terrain remaining widely frozen into the weekend, extensive deep snow cover for Highlands, less nearer the central belt. An additional substantial snowfall for Wales & Peak District on Thursday night, accompanied by gales. A fairly benign end to the week for Scotland, showers near some west coasts. By late Saturday into Sunday, southerly winds strengthen to gales - as a frontal system approaches, snow then freezing rain is likely, before at least a temporary rise of freezing level - some thawing develops on lower terrain, most pronounced in Wales toward higher slopes. Chilly patterns next week with some further hill snow, many mountains often sub-zero, but overall less cold.

Forecast issued at 16:21 on Tuesday, 6 January, 2026

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