

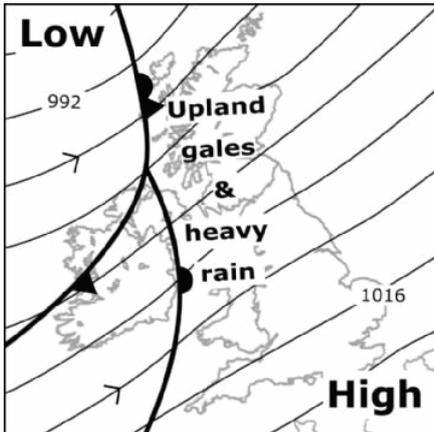
# Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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, 26 February, 2026



### British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 26 February, 2026

Gale-force southwesterlies, strengthening to be severe on higher mountains. Rain increasingly persistent from the west, some heavier falls setting in for periods combined with lowering cloud over the hills. Near freezing on higher Scottish tops, where some snow falls for a time.

### Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Upland gales. Rain on and off, then more persistent.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 26 February, 2026

<p><b>How windy? (On the summits)</b></p>	<p>Southwesterly, strengthening in morning 35 to 50mph, gusts reach 60mph higher North Pennines by middle of day into afternoon. Then lessening gradually after dark.</p>
<p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p><b>Arduous walking all day on the fells, most powerful wind requiring bracing/crouching for stability, on highest exposed terrain gusts may knock you over; significant wind chill.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p><b>Pulses of rain, setting in by afternoon</b> Bands of rain will sweep west-to-east through the day. Dry periods are likely in morning, though the fells from Tebay south to the Three Peaks receive spotty light rain in the wind. More widespread persistent rain afternoon, heaviest west.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p>	<p><b>Often on tops, variable, lowering in rain</b> Variable, extensive over high terrain during pulses of rain, bases reaching as low as 400m on western aspects. Higher bases with breaks to tops during dry periods. Western high fells (Cross Fell/Three Peaks) may only see brief breaks.</p>
<p><b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b></p>	<p><b>30%</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Variable cloud, sometimes brighter skies with sun through high cloud in east in morning, but then overcast during rain. Good visibility during rain/fog breaks, becoming poor in west in rain.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b></p>	<p>5C, may rise a degree Yorks Dales. Feeling like -8 to -10C in the wind.</p>
<p><b>And in the valleys</b></p>	<p>7C from dawn, little change in N Pennines, rising to 9 or locally 10C Yorks Dales.</p>

## Yorkshire Dales &amp; North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Friday 27 February	Saturday 28 February
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	West to northwesterly, speed likely to vary 10 to 25mph, risk increasing northerly late in day possibly to 30mph. <b>Often fairly small, but possibly more blustery at times with marked wind chill.</b>	Variable 10-15mph in morning, becoming southerly 20-25mph later afternoon, risk 30-35mph from dusk. <b>Small for several hours at least, becoming more noticeably blustery with time, by evening affecting comfortable walking.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain on and off</b> High uncertainty - risk periods of rain during the day, but equally some drier intervals - may become dry for several hours, then risk rain returns later.	<b>Precipitation unlikely during day</b> Low chance of an isolated brief shower. Well onward into night, risk of rain preceded by hill snow moving in from west.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly high terrain, breaks possible</b>  Fairly extensive above 600m in the morning, ragged lower patches too from rain. A lifting trend, some summit breaks possible too, but with a risk of returning extensively again if rain returns.	<b>Mostly little</b>  Patches grazing some higher slopes in morning, likely to lift and largely clear.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy, a veil of high cloud even if skies do brighten for a time. Very good visibility.	Mostly good amounts of sun. Visibility excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b>  <b>And in the valleys</b>	3 to 5C, tending to drop later in day. Feeling like -5C in strongest wind.  7 or 8C, little change much of day, then lowering to 3C overnight.	1 or 2C. As wind increases later, feeling like -5 to -8C where exposed.  3C from dawn, rising to 7C afternoon.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 27 February, 2026

A changeable southwesterly regime continues through the weekend into early next week. Colder for a time with a drop of freezing level Friday into Saturday allowing some refreezing of higher mountain terrain mainly in Scotland, the snowpack on high mountains consolidating following recent thawing. Milder air and thawing returns into Sunday, accompanied by rain and upland gales. During next week, higher pressure is expected to develop around the British Isles, bringing quieter weather, drier for most with lighter winds. Some fronts may continue to graze northwest Scotland with rain and stronger winds locally for a few more days. Temperatures tending to be on the milder side during early March, but some frosts into valleys at times.

### Forecast issued at 16:28 on Wednesday, 25 February, 2026

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