

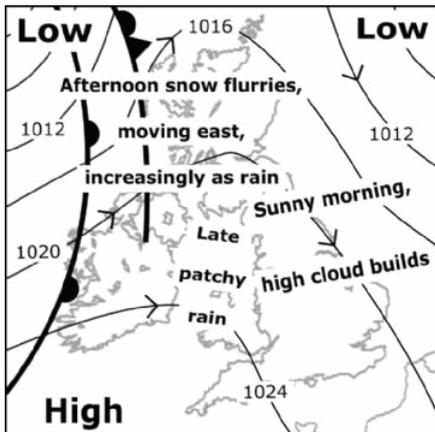
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 26 March, 2026

A sunny start, frosty in England and Scotland; freezing levels at middle heights in Wales. Some snow showers north and west Scotland early. High cloud builds from the west; patchy snow and rain arrive afternoon, spread east, and increase in frequency into night. Rain increasingly to higher slopes as temperature rises.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Largely dry and sunny, high cloud builds; chilly

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 26 March, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	North-northwesterly 20-30mph in the morning, shifting westerly and easing, 15-25mph through the afternoon. Restrengthening overnight.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small effects most of the day, though the morning breeze may inconvenience walking and require attention to stability on high exposed ridges/tops.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no precipitation during daylight Later afternoon, some light spotty rain may reach the N Pennines, some snow flurries on the tops, though most fells stay dry during daylight. Into evening and night, patchy rain increases in frequency.
Cloud on the hills?	Clear most of the day The fells clear of cloud most of the day. Patchy cloud will lower to touch the high tops, broadening into a layer and lowering into night to at least the middle slopes and probably the lower western slopes.
Chance of cloud free summits?	90%, beginning to lower late in the day
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine in the morning, high cloud starting to build as morning goes, reducing sunshine to just glimpses by evening. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 700m)	-2 or -3C, lifting to +1C. Staying elevated into evening and rising further overnight, up to 6C. Feeling like -10 to -12C in early wind.
And in the valleys	A widespread frost at and before dawn, locally -3C N Pennines. Lifting to 5C, or 6C on sun-exposed slopes. Will only lower a few degrees into night, staying above 3C.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Friday 27 March	Saturday 28 March
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly 30-35mph early in the day; then 15-25mph most of the day, restrengthening into evening. Fairly small most of the day, though blustery early with walking impeded and feeling chilly.	Westerly 30 to 45mph, likely strongest in the morning. Gales likely return onward into night. Strenuous walking over the fells, frequent buffeting at least in morning. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Morning rain, largely dry afternoon Often raining on the western slopes from dawn, more patchy to the east. Gradually breaking from the north - rain most persistent Ingleton to Tebay. Largely dry afternoon, just odd spots west slopes, if any.	Hail and snow showers Scattered showers, most common western side of Pennines and Dales in the morning, extending eastwards, mostly brief hail, snow falling in morning to some lower elevations, with time mostly rain below 600m.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive early, breaking from the north Extensive fog at dawn, to the lower slopes of western Yorks Dales, nearer 500-600m N Pennines. Breaking from the north with time, clearing most summits though afternoon, though Three Peaks may be slower to clear.	Varied mostly over western tops, lifting Patchy cloud capping higher slopes mostly toward the west in the morning, lifting increasingly above the tops by middle of the day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%, rising to 70%	50% rising to 80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun gradually breaking out from the north, some fair weather cloud builds. Visibility improving to very good as cloud and rain clear.	Patchwork of cloud and sun, best in east in morning. Visibility often very good, but reduced at times to briefly very poor in showers.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	5C at dawn, locally 6C south. Soon cooling from the north, 2C widely by dusk. Later, feeling like -5 to -8C in wind. 4C from dawn, rising a degree or two Yorks Dales through morning, then sharply dropping afternoon, 3C by	-1C rising to +1 or 2C afternoon. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C. Frost in sheltered valleys around dawn, rising to 9C afternoon.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 27 March, 2026**

Thursday starts chilly with clear skies for many, snow then rain moves into western areas with time. Strong northwesterly winds prevail as the weekend starts, brining cooler temperatures and a mix of showers and sun across most areas, the showers likely snowy to middle elevations with some hail mixed in. The cool, spring-like conditions will allow showers to become heavier and more widespread in the afternoon. Sunday into next week sees high pressure southwest of the country, producing drier weather with sun breaks, a trend towards milder temperatures too, but several low pressure systems to the north draw bands of rain eastward, mostly affecting Scotland, occasionally northern England and Wales. A risk of cooler northerly winds re-establishing later in the week, though detail is uncertain.

Forecast issued at 16:19 on Wednesday, 25 March, 2026

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