Lake District

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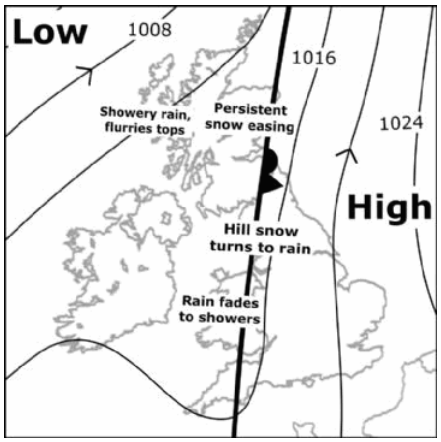
General Summary for Friday, 27 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 27 November, 2026

Substantial fresh lying snow over central & southeastern Scottish mountains; early snowfalls fading out, some flurries linger toward east Highlands. Northern England has a slow-moving band of rain, initially snow tops, also low cloud; clearing from Wales. Wind strongest for Pennines, also far NW Scotland.

Headline for Lake District

Gales early in day, wind easing; rain in morning fading.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 27 November, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 35 to 50mph, strongest early morning, tending to ease to 20mph into the afternoon, less up to dusk, soonest more western areas. Risk rising again onward into night.
Effect of wind on you?	**Difficult conditions from dawn and significant wind chill into the morning, tending to improve, becoming fairly small through the afternoon.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Rain mostly morning** Snow and briefly freezing rain over the fells around dawn, soon turning to sleet or heavy rain, wettest southwestern fells for a few hours, but fading through middle of day to leave patchier showery rain.
Cloud on the hills?	**Extensive, some breaks forming north** Shrouding high terrain widely, from some lower elevations upward much of day in south Lakes. Higher bases northward. Cloud bases tending to rise during afternoon to give a few breaks in north.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**10% rising to 30%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, becoming brighter mainly north afternoon. Poor visibility widely, locally improving afternoon north and west.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Typically +2C, but some slopes near 0C early in day, generally rising a little. Feeling like -10C to possibly -15C in wind early morning on high tops.
Freezing Level	Rising just above freezing to most tops, but high terrain partly frozen and beware of icy rock surfaces on high fells.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 28 November	Sunday 29 November
How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly, speeds varying, most likely 20 to 30mph, a chance of increasing to 40mph for periods.	Southwesterly, speeds likely to vary, often in range 30 to 40mph, but risk 50mph+ at least in gusts for periods.
Effect of wind on you?	**Expect considerable wind chill, sometimes walking strenuous or may become more challenging on exposed high terrain.**	**Expect strenuous walking conditions most of day, potentially more challenging at times; considerable wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Risk frequent or persistent rain** Some uncertainty, but a risk of rain falling much of the day, with time steadier or heavier falls setting in particularly in south; low risk still falling as snow, or chance of locally freezing rain on higher slopes.	**Rain sets in for a time** A band of rain likely passes eastward during the day, may set in heavy for an hour or more, with wet snow on higher slopes. Later scattered showers.
Cloud on the hills?	**Persistent across fells** Extensive sheet of cloud shrouding the fells, in places to some lower elevations on south-facing slopes; some breaks between cloud banks mainly north Lakeland.	**Often covering high tops** Varying cloud extent, but likely to often cap tops above 800m, particularly southwestern areas, lowering further in rain. Occasional higher breaks north.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**10%**	**30%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, dull and misty, hazy at best most lower terrain, locally some brighter moments northern Cumbria.	Brief glimpses of sun mostly north. Visibility intermittently very good, but poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2 or 3C, small change with height. Risk of wind chill feeling like -10C if speeds rise.	3C. Feeling like -10C in stronger wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, but some higher slopes may be close to freezing point and beware of some icy surfaces on the fells.	Above freezing to tops.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 28 November, 2026

Snow cover on many Scottish mountains into the weekend, most notably central, east-southeastern areas. On Saturday, heavy rain for England & Wales as temperatures rise here, and even in Scotland a rise of the freezing level, though likely lowering slightly again on Sunday; a mix of rain and hill snow spreading in from the west. Gale-force south-southwesterly winds will be common over many mountains through the weekend and into early next week, but intermittent lulls will occur. Threat of severe gales widely on Monday accompanied by incessant heavy rain focused on western Scotland and a rapid thaw - the rain shifts south by Tuesday. Early December may then vary markedly, signs of a drier window for a time, whilst colder conditions could also soon return.

Forecast issued at 14:55 on Thursday, 26 November, 2026

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