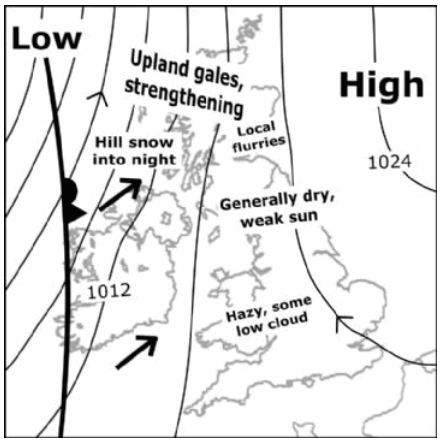
Lake District

The entire Lake District National Park, taking in all major summits, including Scafell, Helvellyn, Skiddaw, the Langdales and Old Man of Coniston.

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General Summary for Thursday, 26 November, 2026



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

Much mountain terrain frozen, snow cover most substantial southern Highlands, but beware icy surfaces widely on hills. Staying sub-zero on tops all day, significant wind chill in strong to increasingly gale-force southerly winds. Largely dry daytime, then snow moves onto western hills into the night.

Headline for Lake District

Breezy, increasingly windy; patchy cloud south.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 26 November, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 25 to 40mph, strengthening during day, 50mph by dusk onward at least in gusts, later in day more sustained; rising to 60mph into night.
Effect of wind on you?	**Strenuous walking becoming increasingly challenging on high terrain, powerful downslope gusts. Deteriorating into evening. Significant wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Dry all day** Well into night, some light hill snow developing from the west, more persistent onward to dawn Friday.
Cloud on the hills?	**Mostly southern fells** Varying cloud banks around higher slopes, most persistent toward south Lakes, whilst northwestward well broken and only patches drifting over tops at times.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**50% south to 80% north.**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun likely to weaken as a veil of high cloud thickens from the west. Visibility very good, some haze over the Irish Sea.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1C. Feeling like -10C to later nearer -15C directly in the wind on high tops.
Freezing Level	Much terrain frozen, thawing only on sunlit lower slopes up to 500m.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 27 November	Saturday 28 November
How windy? (On the summits) **Effect of wind on you?**	Southerly 35 to 50mph, strongest in the morning, may ease to 20mph or less into the afternoon. **Risk of difficult conditions and significant wind chill in the morning, tending to improve.**	Southerly, speeds varying - high uncertainty - most likely 20 to 30mph, but risk of increasing to 40mph for periods. **Expect considerable wind chill, sometimes walking strenuous or may become more challenging on exposed high terrain.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Mix of snow, freezing rain, then rain** Snow and freezing rain over the fells fairly persistent in the morning. Turning to sleet or heavy rain, wettest southwestern fells; smaller chance of staying as snow on tops.	**Risk frequent or persistent rain** Some uncertainty, but a risk of rain falling much of the day, possibly steadier or heavier falls setting in particularly in south; low risk still falling as snow, or chance of locally freezing rain on higher slopes.
Cloud on the hills? **Chance of cloud free summits?**	**Extensive** Shrouding high terrain widely, from some lower elevations upward much of day in south Lakes. Higher bases northward. **10%**	**Likely 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. **10%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Poor visibility widely, or whiteout over hills in snow and cloud.	Overcast, dull and misty, hazy at best most lower terrain, locally some brighter moments northern Cumbria.
How Cold? (at 750m) **Freezing Level**	0C, rising to +2C coastal tops then inland. Risk of wind chill feeling like -15C at least in the morning. Varying: Inland and east 600m, some lower terrain partly frozen at least in morning; rising just above freezing, but	2 or 3C, small change with height. Risk of wind chill feeling like -10C if speeds rise. Above the summits, but some higher slopes may be close to freezing point and beware of some icy surfaces on the fells.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 27 November, 2026

Snowfall most substantial over southern mountains in the Highlands during the days ahead. Then by Saturday, a risk of heavy rain for England & Wales as temperatures rise here, and even in Scotland a rise of the freezing level, though likely lowering slightly again by Sunday. Gale-force southerly winds will be common over many mountains through the weekend and into early next week, but intermittent lulls will occur. By Monday to Wednesday, potentially milder air and risk of a period of sustained heavy rain, but some uncertainty about local details - early December may then vary markedly, signs of a drier window for a time, whilst colder conditions could also soon return.

Forecast issued at 16:10 on Wednesday, 25 November, 2026

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