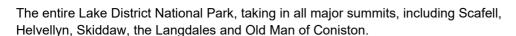
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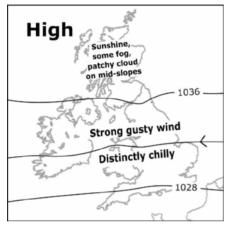






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General Summary for Friday, 26 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 26 December, 2025

Generally dry, apart from chance of odd light showers eastern Scotland. Sunshine over most Scotlish mountains - the tops warmer than glens above an inversion; patchy low-level fog or cloud banks some slopes. Easterly winds remain strong and gusty England and Wales, feeling bitterly cold in exposure despite plenty of sun.

Headline for Lake District

Gusty wind, chilly. Mostly sunny, patchy cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 26 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 20 to 30mph, stronger gusts around some tops and high passes, reaching 35-40mph at times Scafell group; locally also gusty downslope west of high tops.	
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery with considerable wind chill in exposure over the fells, in places sudden buffeting gusts not just on the summits.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation very unlikely	
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any	
	Well broken patchy cloud sometimes grazing over higher slopes in areas from Skiddaw to Helvellyn and perhaps High Street, but many tops often clear; cloud rare on western tops.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%, north/east, to above 90% elsewhere.	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often sunny all day, occasional cloud mostly toward east. Visibility excellent.	
How Cold? (at 750m)	0C, small variation with height. Feeling like -10C directly in the stronger wind.	
Freezing Level	Near freezing all elevations from dawn, terrain staying frozen out of sunlight, but lifting just above freezing many slopes.	

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Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 27 December	Sunday 28 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 25 to 35mph, stronger gusts around some slopes, high passes and downslope west of tops.	Easterly 10 to 20mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Starting to affect comfortable walking and balance on ridges, sudden buffeting gusts in places; considerable wind chill.	Fairly small, some gustiness around tops and high passes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rare if any light rain Largely dry; an odd brief spot of light rain, snow grains higher slopes, mainly north and northeast Lakes.	Dry all day
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly high tops toward north/east	Little if any
	Some cloud banks mostly above 700m and in areas from Skiddaw to Helvellyn; patchier west and southwest Lakes, perhaps often clear toward coast.	Occasional patches of cloud above 700m, mostly eastern tops. Often clear in west.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60% north/east, to 80% south/west	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy, but some sun best toward west. Visibility very good.	Mostly sunny, but some patchy cloud east. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1 to 3C, small variation with height in morning; may rise slightly higher in west. Feeling like -8C in stronger wind.	0 or 1C, slightly warmer on highest summits if above an inversion.
Freezing Level	Some terrain partly frozen; close to freezing some upper slopes and patchy slight frost in sheltered valleys in morning.	Near freezing above 600-700m, also frost in some valleys, all day out of sunlight.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 27 December, 2025

Dry weather continues into the weekend as a strong area of high pressure resides near or north of Scotland. Inversion conditions Scotlish mountains, high tops generally above freezing and above most patchy cloud, some frost and fog in glens. Gusty east-northeasterly wind increasing for Scotland by Saturday, easing again for Sunday. Strong and gusty winds prevail for England and Wales, often cloudy, a little light rain occasionally Pennines; some sun toward west.

Forecast issued at 16:20 on Thursday, 25 December, 2025

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