

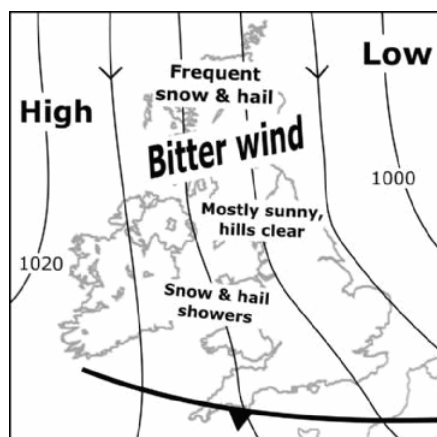
Lake District

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 Friday, 2 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 2 January, 2026

Bitterly cold north-northwesterly winds, gale-force over many hills, typically strongest in morning, again late in day Scotland. Frequent snow and hail northern Scotland, blizzard conditions on mountains. Showers also affect Wales. Mostly dry, sunny and clear hills N England & S Scotland. Most terrain frozen.

Headline for Lake District

Windy, gales in morning, significant chill factor. Sunshine.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 2 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	North-northwesterly strengthening from before dawn to 40-50mph for a few hours into the morning, then gradually lessening middle of day, to 25-35mph afternoon. Tending to increase slightly again after dark.
Effect of wind on you?	Significant wind chill over the fells. Arduous conditions, difficult mobility on exposed tops and ridges early in day, lessening but remaining blustery in exposure afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation unlikely
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly little Patches clipping some high tops occasionally, but mostly clear fells.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3C (-5C highest summits). Wind chill feeling like -15 to -18C on tops.
Freezing Level	Most terrain frozen, barely rising above zero inland valleys; just above freezing up to 300-400m nearest coast and some sunlit southern slopes inland. Icy surfaces.

	Saturday 3 January	Sunday 4 January
How windy? (On the summits)	North to northwesterly 30 to 40mph, at times 45-50mph higher tops, particularly Skiddaw to Helvellyn areas.	North to northwesterly 25 to 35mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Continued significant wind chill over the hills. Frequent buffeting on exposed higher terrain, challenging walking in places.	Continued significant wind chill over the hills. Strenuous walking with buffeting in exposure.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation unlikely	Precipitation unlikely
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any Rare patches on some higher slopes, mainly north Lakeland tops.	Little if any Rare patches on some higher slopes, mainly north Lakeland tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny. Visibility excellent.	Mostly sunny. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-4 or -5C. Wind chill feeling like -17 to -20C in exposure on high tops. Terrain widely frozen, staying sub-zero from valleys upward. Nearest the coast, partial thawing in sunlight to 300-400m.	-4 or -5C. Wind chill feeling like -17C in exposure on high tops. Terrain widely frozen, staying sub-zero from valleys upward. Some valleys west of Pillar may rise just above freezing.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 3 January, 2026

Terrain extensively frozen this weekend and early next week ; sub-zero temperatures from the glens upward in Scotland and some valleys inland in northern England. Substantial fresh snow accumulations in the North West Highlands and Cairngorms, heavy showers streaming in from the north also containing hail. Largely dry and sunny from central Scotland to northern England. Hail and snow showers will run into north and west Wales from the sea . Bitter northerly winds, up to gale force higher tops, lessening somewhat during Sunday. Some fluctuation of freezing level during next week, though most high terrain stays sub-zero, and as fronts come in from the west, upland snowfalls are possible more widely.

Forecast issued at 8:10 on Friday, 2 January, 2026

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