

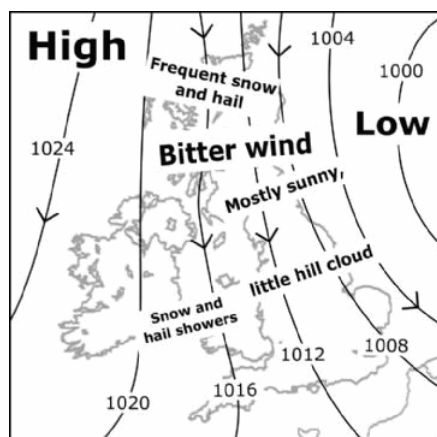
# Lake District

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 Saturday, 3 January, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 3 January, 2026

Widespread sub-zero temperatures and wind, gales in northern England and Scotland; wind chill approaching -20C or lower on high summits. Near-constant snow showers in northern Scotland with snowdrifts building; snow showers into central/west Scotland and west Wales too. Mostly sunny southern Scotland and England.

### Headline for Lake District

Bitterly cold gales; dry and mostly sunny

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 3 January, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	North to northwesterly 30 to 40mph, at times 45-50mph higher tops, particularly Skiddaw to Helvellyn areas. A trend towards 30-35mph with time.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Severe wind chill over the fells. Frequent buffeting on exposed higher terrain, challenging walking in places. Conditions will ease slightly with time.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Precipitation not expected</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Little if any</b> Rare patches on some higher slopes, mainly north Lakeland tops.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny. Visibility excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	-4 or -5C. Wind chill feeling like -20 to -23C in exposure on high tops.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Terrain widely frozen, staying sub-zero from valleys upward. Nearest the northwest coast and southern aspects, partial thawing in sunlight up to 300-400m,

	Sunday 4 January	Monday 5 January
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Northwesterly 25 to 35mph.	Northerly 25-30mph, stronger speeds early in the day. Through afternoon, shifting northwesterly and easing.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Continued significant wind chill over the hills. Strenuous walking with buffeting in exposure.</b>	<b>Continued significant wind chill over the fells. Strenuous walking with buffeting in exposure.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Precipitation not expected</b>	<b>Precipitation not expected</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Little if any</b>  Rare patches on some higher slopes, mainly north Lakeland tops.	<b>Little if any</b>  Rare cloud caps may graze the highest tops, though all fells will be largely clear.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny, some high from time to time. Visibility excellent.	Mostly sunny. Visibility excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-4 or -5C. Wind chill feeling like -17C in exposure on high tops.  Terrain widely frozen, staying sub-zero from valleys upward. Sun-exposed valleys may rise to or just above freezing.	-4 or -5C. Wind chill feeling as cold as -18C in exposure.  Terrain widely frozen, staying sub-zero from valleys upward.

## Planning Outlook

## All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 4 January, 2026

Terrain extensively frozen into early next week; sub-zero temperatures from the glens upward in Scotland and increasingly into valleys in England and Wales. Heavy showers streaming into northern and coastal Scotland, some containing hail, most terrain covered in snow with substantial snowdrifts in the Northwest Highlands and Cairngorms. Largely dry and sunny in southern Scotland and England. Hail and snow showers will run into north and west Wales from the sea. Bitter northerly winds, up to gale force higher tops at times.

More variable next week: 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 15:16 on Friday, 2 January, 2026**

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