

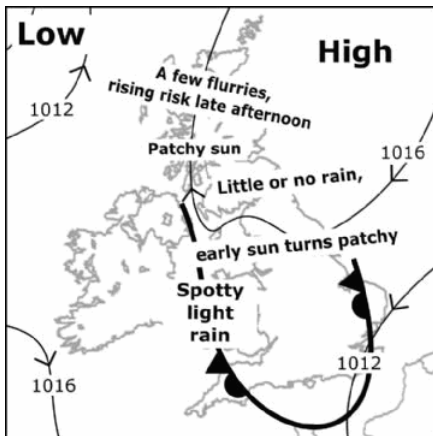
Lake District

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General Summary for Wednesday, 6 May, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 6 May, 2026

Odd early snow flurries in north Scotland, otherwise clear Munros until late; some snow returns to the west and north Highlands near evening. Little or no rain south Scotland and England, several hours of morning sun and any hill cloud soon clearing. Spotty light rain for Wales, cloud clearing hills, but only glimpses of sun.

Headline for Lake District

Fells clear with early sun; small chance spotty rain later

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 6 May, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 10-15mph early, some gusts to 20mph near dawn. Easing and shifting southerly with time, some variability around 10mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Very little expected Chance of local spots of flurries early in the day, but all fells soon entirely dry. Then a few spots of drizzly showers may form in the later afternoon, these tending to drift north and most fells staying entirely dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Any early cloud lifts above the summits Some patchy cloud may form on upper slopes in the morning, but this cloud soon rising and drifting away for clear fells likely all day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny in the morning, weakened somewhat by high cloud, then more cloud building afternoon for a patchwork of sunshine. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0C at first, rising to 5C afternoon.
Freezing Level	800m from dawn, plus patchy frost in valleys if skies are clear. Rising above freezing to the tops.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 7 May	Friday 8 May
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly 15-20mph, some variability, both higher and lower speeds at times; some risk 25mph+ a few early hours. Fairly small, though occasionally blustery in exposure, a greater risk early morning.	Southwesterly 15-20mph at dawn, a westerly shift and easing, perhaps to a lull for several hours. Mostly small, though an inconvenient breeze over the tops early in the day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery rain Rain affecting many fells, the greatest chance in the afternoon when rain may become heavier and more persistent for a few hours.	Showers, risk frequent/heavy Showers affect the fells on and off, with a risk of merging into broader areas of rain with heavy falls; timing and detail is uncertain.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Mostly high terrain, variable lower south The high tops shrouded much of morning, variable lower cloud, to 600m early, always lowest southern slopes. A lifting trend through the day, to the tops or fleeing breaks during dry periods, but also returning above 700m during rain, always most extensive south. 50%	Variable but lifting to upper slopes with breaks Banks at various heights in the morning, most tops shrouded, and some fog in sheltered valleys. Bases lift, largely above 700-800m, breaks too but clinging to higher terrain around rain, with fleeting ragged patches some lower slopes. 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sunshine. Variable visibility, excellent where dry, but turning poor in rain.	Glimpses of sun. Variable visibility, very good during drier periods, may be very poor in heavier showers.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	2C rising to 7C. Above the summits.	5C rising to 9C. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 7 May, 2026**

Low pressure to the north of Scotland brings stronger wind and a greater risk of showery rain from Thursday. Cooler temperatures, high Munros staying below freezing for several days, the freezing level as low as 800-1000m. Showers affecting England and Wales, always a risk of heavier bursts afternoon, but timing and location of showers uncertain. Early varied cloud tends to lift to higher slopes, often above summits but some tops shrouded for longer.

Into the weekend, low pressure south of the British Isles, facilitating a strong easterly wind with increasingly heavy rain and showers for Wales and southern Pennines. Pressure may remain higher in Scotland for a few days, but staying cold here with freezing levels perhaps to 700m. Indications of increasingly widespread unsettled weather into next week.

Forecast issued at 16:20 on Tuesday, 5 May, 2026

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