

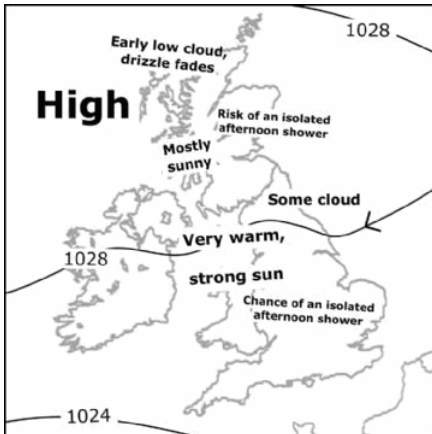
The Northwest Highlands

Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Tuesday, 26 May, 2026



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

Low cloud and early drizzle in northwest Scotland, improving with cloud thinning and breaking, but staying cool toward the far north. Very warm and sunny for England and Wales. Chance of isolated late heavy showers forming, but mostly dry.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Breezy in north. Low cloud, early drizzle in west, improving.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 26 May, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 15 to 25mph at first, up to 30mph Ben Hope, but easing down and by afternoon 5 to 15mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery morning, but becoming small by afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Early spots of drizzle fading Spots of patches of drizzle western hills in the morning, but becoming dry across all hills by the afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive morning, breaking up widely afternoon. Extensive from dawn, down to lower slopes from Assynt down to Skye. Lifting and breaking, to leave most hills clear afternoon, patches lingering on some high tops in west into afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20% lifting to 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine confined to northeast in morning, before breaking through more widely in the afternoon. Visibility good away from any drizzle.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3 to 5C, lowest around Ben Hope, but lifting to 8C Skye, or 10C hills nearest Great Glen.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 27 May	Thursday 28 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Little wind, variable or S-SE'ly 5-10mph, may even be flat calm inland. Lifting to 15mph western coastal hills and Isles. Negligible away from the west coast where breeze will pick up through the day.	South to southeasterly, 20mph or less for a time, but likely strengthening during day to 30mph, risk gusty 40mph in places. Likely increasingly blustery, affecting ease of walking and balance on exposed terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected	Risk thundery rain late in day Most likely only toward evening, chance of odd bursts of rain forming or moving in from the south, possibly thundery by dusk into night - the risk of rain then becomes greater more widely.
Cloud on the hills?	Mountains clear Possible mist mostly eastern glens early morning, brief cloud on some slopes, all dispersing. Clear all day in west.	Little if any The mountains largely clear all day. By dusk onward, cloud banks starting to lower onto hills as and where rain develops.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Greater than 90%	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Widespread sunshine, some areas of thin high cloud. Visibility very good.	Sun and thin high cloud, tending to thicken during the day from the south. Visibility good, some haze.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	North 7 rising to 12C. South 9 rising to 14C. Well above the summits	12C rising to 15C, locally warmer inland by afternoon. Well above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 27 May, 2026**

Very warm air extends into Scotland during midweek on southerly winds. Isolated bursts of rain form, greater risk toward Wales by Wednesday night, then drifting variably northward during Thursday daytime - some uncertain local detail and timing, but scattered thunderstorms are possible by this time. Winds also strengthening and becoming very gusty. Some rain in western Scotland by Thursday night which may linger into Friday here on westerly winds, but a fine end to the week for many places. Further rain and low cloud likely returns to western Scotland over the weekend, possible showers elsewhere. A more unsettled west-southwesterly pattern is likely into early June, cooler with rain and stronger winds for periods.

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