

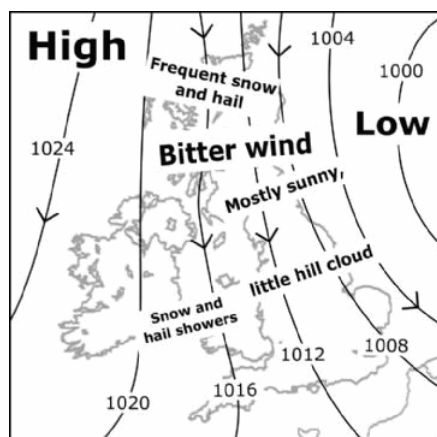
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

The entire Yorkshire Dales National Park and North Pennines AONB, including the Three Peaks and Cross Fell, plus Howgills, also south to Forest of Bowland.



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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 Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Bitterly cold gales; dry and mostly sunny

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 3 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	North to northwesterly 35 to 45mph, strongest higher North Pennines, over 50mph in places higher up in the morning. A slight easing is possible later afternoon though staying largely above 30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Severe wind chill over the fells. Frequent buffeting on exposed higher terrain, arduous walking through the morning, a slight easing of conditions with time.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation not expected
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any Occasional patches on the higher North Pennines. Yorks Dales NP likely stays clear of cloud.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 700m)	-4 or -5C. Wind chill feeling like -20C or colder in exposure on the high tops.
And in the valleys	Terrain widely frozen, starting near or below -4C from dawn, staying sub-zero in many valleys, locally lifting to 0 or +1C on sun-exposed southern aspects.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 4 January	Monday 5 January
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Northwesterly 30 to 35mph, strongest higher North Pennines, 40mph at times. Continued significant wind chill over the hills. Strenuous walking with buffeting in exposure.	Northerly 25-30mph, stronger winds early in the east. Shifting northwesterly through afternoon and easing slightly. Significant wind chill over the fells. Strenuous walking with buffeting in exposure, trending easier with time.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation unlikely	Precipitation unlikely Small chance of a fleeting snow shower reaching easternmost fells, likely entirely dry.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Little if any Rare patches higher North Pennines; clear elsewhere. 90%	Little if any Occasional patches over the higher North Pennines; clear elsewhere. 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny, some high from time to time. Visibility excellent.	Mostly sunny, though patchy cloud will linger over the eastern N Pennines. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	-3 to -4C, coldest in the N Pennines. Wind chill feeling like -17C in exposure on high tops. Terrain widely frozen, starting near -5C or colder from dawn, staying sub-zero most valleys, 0 or 1C where exposed to sun.	-4 or -5C, coldest in the N Pennines. Wind chill feeling as cold as -18C in exposure on high tops. Terrain widely frozen, starting locally below -5C from dawn, staying sub-zero all day, only reaching -2C N Pennines.

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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