

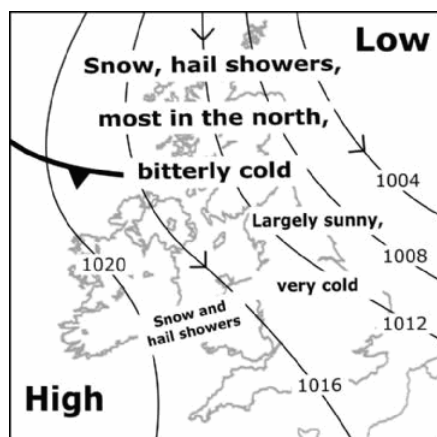
# Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Sunday, 4 January, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 4 January, 2026

Snow, hail, and wind continues driving into northern Scotland with showers passing into central and western areas; snow coverage fairly widespread in the Highlands. Southern Scotland and England mostly sunny, blustery in exposure. More snow and hail showers for Wales, pushing further east afternoon. Widely very cold.

### Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Very cold; mostly sunny and dry

## Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 4 January, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Northwesterly 30 to 35mph. Strongest winds early in the day which may reach up to 40mph over high eastern summits.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Significant wind chill over the hills. Strenuous walking with buffeting in exposure, most significantly early in the day.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Little precipitation if any</b> Risk of a few fleeting snow showers in the afternoon in the west (greatest risk near Three Peaks/Forest of Bowland area), though may be entirely dry.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Fells substantially clear</b> Rare patches on North Pennines summits come and go. A risk of a few hours of cloud banks from 700m up more widely in the afternoon. Fells otherwise clear.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny, some high cloud around, perhaps briefly more cloudy for a time afternoon. Visibility excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b>	-3 to -4C, coldest in the N Pennines where temperatures may stay near -5C. Wind chill feeling like -17C in exposure on high tops.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	Terrain widely frozen, starting near -5C or colder from dawn, staying sub-zero most valleys, 0 or 1C where exposed to sun.

	Monday 5 January	Tuesday 6 January
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Northerly 25-30mph, shifting northwesterly and easing to 20-25mph.	Westerly 20-25mph, strengthening and shifting southwesterly afternoon, 30-35mph, strongest over N Pennines.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Uncomfortable wind with significant chill factor in exposure, a slight easing of conditions with time.</b>	<b>Uncomfortable walking for much of the day, becoming strenuous on exposed northern fells with significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Precipitation unlikely</b> Small chance of a fleeting snow shower reaching easternmost fells, likely entirely dry.	<b>Pulses of showery snow</b> Bands of showery snow drift from the west with intermittent dry periods. Showers merging into broader areas of snow for several hours from later afternoon into nighttime.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Little if any</b>  Occasional patches graze the highest fell summits, but most hills stay clear of cloud.	<b>Variable, often capping summits, lower in snow</b>  Variable: cloud often caps the high tops, a few fleeing breaks, bases regularly lowering to the middle slopes with the passing of snow showers. Tending to fill in more widely over high terrain late in the day.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny, though patchy cloud will linger in the eastern sky. Visibility excellent.	Some bright/sunny breaks here and there, though largely cloudy most of the day. Variable visibility, very good for periods, but rapidly deteriorating to very poor in snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b>  <b>And in the valleys</b>	-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.	-2C, rising a degree afternoon, locally up to 0C Yorks Dales NP. Feeling like -13C in strongest wind.  -5 or -6C at dawn, lifting to around -2C though may stay locally colder in the eastern N Pennines.

## Planning Outlook

**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 5 January, 2026**

Monday stays cold with terrain widely frozen; sunshine inland with continued snow showers along coasts. The weather then turns more variable: fronts begin to approach the country on Tuesday, with cloud gradually becoming widespread on high terrain from the north, an area of snow arriving widely into Scotland and tracking south into England and Wales overnight into Wednesday. Most terrain will stay frozen but a brief local lifting of freezing levels in western areas. Some sunny breaks and snow showers will follow this system. Beyond Wednesday, confidence in forecast detail is significantly lower, but another weather system is indicated for Thursday into Friday, this possibly bringing a swathe of snow, rain, and strong winds to the south and perhaps more widely.

**Forecast issued at 15:30 on Saturday, 3 January, 2026**

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