

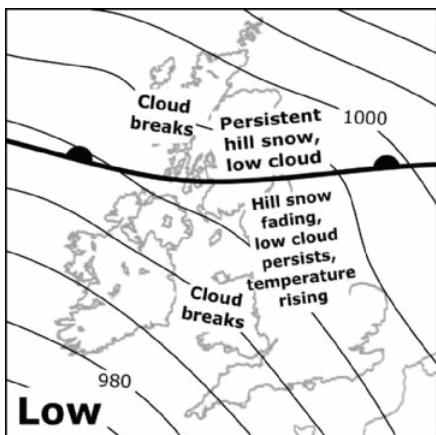
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Wednesday, 4 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 4 February, 2026

Easterly winds gale force across northern Scotland, easing further south. Ongoing snowfalls over E & SE Highlands, sleet or rain lower down; low cloud and whiteout over hills. Early sleet or snow over northern England fades, but low cloud lingers. Largely dry much of Wales, clearer hills west, but increasingly windy.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Early snow, drizzle, low cloud. Wind eases for a time.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 4 February, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	East to southeasterly 20 to 30mph, stronger gusts particularly northern areas in morning, lessening into afternoon, then tending to increase again onward into evening, to 40mph+ into night.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery, in places affecting comfortable walking on exposed high terrain, considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Early snow fades to drizzle Snow over fells up to dawn, lasting an hour or so into morning in North Pennines, sleet lower down, patchy toward west. Soon patchy sleet, or rain lower elevations, fading out from south, leaving some patchy drizzle.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, lowest east Low cloud shrouding many hills, from mid or some lower slopes upward in east and southern Yorks Dales NP. Higher base west, local breaks toward Vale of Eden.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely overcast, dull and misty, particularly east. Local brighter moments into afternoon west, visibility improving.
How Cold? (at 700m)	0 or -1C, rising later to +2C. Wind chill feeling like -7 to -10C.
And in the valleys	2C rising to 6C afternoon.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 5 February	Friday 6 February
How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 40 to 55mph, very gusty around high tops and downslope to west.	Easterly 40 to 55mph, strongest over N Pennines, but powerful gusts widely around high tops and downslope to west.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult mobility across higher terrain, gusts could knock you over on some slopes. Significant wind chill.	Challenging conditions, difficult mobility over higher tops, buffeting gusts knocking you off balance. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow mostly north and eastern hills Snow flurries most frequent over higher North Pennines and hills in eastern Yorks Dales NP, mostly rain below 500m, but may snow may fall lower later. Patchy small amounts further west.	Snow may persist over hills Frequent or persistent snow over the hills, particularly eastern areas; sleet or rain below 200-300m.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive higher tops Banks of cloud often covering most higher terrain above 500-600m, most persistent east and northern areas. Some breaks occasionally Ingleborough and Howgills.	Extensive across higher areas Covering the hills widely, above 500m or possibly lower toward eastern slopes. Some higher bases westwards, local breaks may form toward Ingleborough.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy and hazy, some brighter moments toward west, but little if any sun.	Overcast and dull, murky in east. Whiteout over higher fells in snow and cloud, better visibility lower down in west.
How Cold? (at 700m)	-1 or -2C, tending to drop slightly from east during day. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C.	0 to -2C, coldest northeast Pennines. Wind chill feeling like -13 to -17C.
And in the valleys	3 or 4C, little change night into day.	1 or 2C.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 5 February, 2026**

East or southeasterly winds prevail, persistent gales later this week, severe chill factor over the mountains. Freezing levels will vary, lowering widely again below 600m during Thursday, though staying higher in Wales; then less cold widely into the weekend, rising just above freezing point in Scotland toward 1000m or briefly higher. Colder air then likely returns from east next week. Further snowfalls mostly over eastern hills in Scotland, occasionally hills in England & Wales, mixed with rain here. Indications of less precipitation and lower wind speeds for periods during next week. Highest cloud breaks generally west & northwest Scotland.

Forecast issued at 16:25 on Tuesday, 3 February, 2026

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