

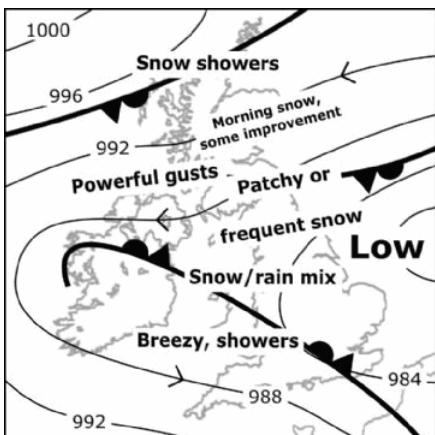
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Thursday, 12 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 February, 2026

Very cold in Scotland with strong wind. Snow in the central/south highlands, some improvement from the north. Blustery too in north England, cloudy with patchy morning snow, later more frequent. South Pennines and north Wales see rain and snow with lighter wind. Blustery with patchy rain south Wales.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Cold and breezy; fairly extensive cloud and often snowing

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 12 February, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	East-northeasterly, 20-30mph, though may be lighter and variable at times in the south.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking often strenuous in exposure with significant wind chill, though may locally be fairly small at times.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain/snow most of the day Precipitation affecting the fells most of the day, falling as snow above 400-500m. Best chance of dry moments on western and southern slopes early in the day, the precipitation more widespread in the afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Cloud shrouds the fells down to middle slopes for most of the day, lowest in the east; some locally higher bases towards Vale of Eden/Three Peaks though unlikely breaking to the tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine unlikely. Very poor visibility in fog and rain/snow.
How Cold? (at 700m)	-1 to -2C from dawn, gradually becoming -2C widely, then lowering overnight. Feeling like -8 to -12C in direct wind.
And in the valleys	From dawn 3 or 4C Yorks Dales, nearer 1 or 2C N Pennines. Lowing to 0 to 2C, always coolest north.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Friday 13 February	Saturday 14 February
How windy? (On the summits)	Northeasterly 30-40mph, beginning to ease later in the day.	Northwesterly to start, shifting west, then southwesterly, largely near 15mph, deteriorating later and overnight.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking often arduous in exposure with stability persistently challenged. Significant wind chill.	Fairly small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery snow Showery snow affecting high fells and eastern hills, sometimes for extended periods but also some breaks. More scattered or possibly dry on the western high fells.	No precipitation expected during daylight Overnight, snow arrives from the west, gradually spreading widely, falling as rain to increasingly higher elevations.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly high and eastern slopes Cloud often clinging to fells near 600-700m and up, bases at times lower to the east during snow showers. A few breaks here and there, increasingly frequent breaks from the north with time. Best breaks near the Vale of Eden.	Any cloud unlikely
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%	Above 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun appearing with time from the north, high cloud lingers over Yorks Dales. Variable visibility, good at times but turning poor during precipitation.	Extensive sunshine with very good visibility, though some haze. High cloud approaches from the west later.
How Cold? (at 700m)	-3 or -4C, may rise a degree afternoon where sun breaks out. Feeling as cold as -20C in exposure.	-3C, rising a degree, locally up to -1C in strongest sun exposure.
And in the valleys	0 or -1C from dawn, may be slightly cooler N Pennines; little change, may rise a degree where sun breaks out.	-4C from dawn, rising as high as 2C where exposed to sun.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 13 February, 2026**

Colder for all areas during the transition into the weekend, mountain terrain frozen to increasingly lower elevations - soonest toward the north and east of Scotland. A widespread frost early on Saturday. Northeasterly wind will be dominant - the distribution of snow showers shifting with time from eastern hills to more north-facing mountains, particularly Scotland. Brighter than recently with sunshine and clearer hills later Friday and Saturday.

Gales with heavy snow (rain to increasingly higher elevations) overnight into Sunday brings a return to unsettled weather for the following week - wet and windy periods come and go, freezing levels rising (high Scotland terrain stays frozen), then lowering again during periods of northwesterly wind.

Forecast issued at 16:09 on Wednesday, 11 February, 2026

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