

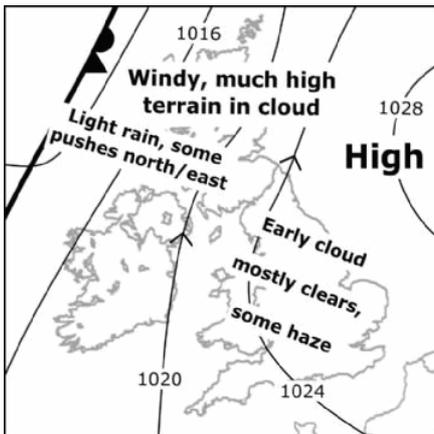
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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General Summary for Wednesday, 4 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 4 March, 2026

Windy in Scotland with gale-force gusts over high terrain. Much upper Highlands terrain in cloud, some rain and drizzle (most in the west); best breaks north of major hill groups. Varied cloud early in England and Wales, mostly clearing with increasing sun, though visibility limited by haze. Cool to mild England and Wales.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Breezy in exposure; early cloud largely clears for sun

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 4 March, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 20 to 25mph, gusts over high tops may reach up to 30mph. At and before dawn, speeds likely weaker. Wind will strengthen overnight.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small from dawn, but feeling increasingly blustery on the high tops. Strongest gusts challenging stability and feeling chilly. Deteriorating overnight.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation unlikely A little damp air/fine mist in early cloud, but otherwise dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Patchy cloud early, mostly clearing Some banks of cloud over higher slopes, mostly southern and eastern areas above 600-700m, ragged patches to lower slopes too; lifting and breaking above hills into afternoon, only odd banks grazing the tops
Chance of cloud free summits?	40% rising to 80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Some patchy cloud around, particularly early, but soon trending sunnier on most fells. Good visibility but limited by haze.
How Cold? (at 700m)	5C from dawn, rising to 7C or locally a degree higher and staying milder overnight on upper slopes. Directly in the wind feeling like -3 to -5C.
And in the valleys	Local frost in some sheltered N Pennine valleys at dawn, nearer 3C Yorks Dales. Rising to 10 or 11C afternoon.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 5 March	Friday 6 March
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 25-30mph from dawn, gradually easing, 15-20mph by evening, may lower further for a time. Strenuous walking and feeling chilly in exposure early; improving, may become fairly small.	Northeasterly 15-20mph, slowly easing to 10mph or less and perhaps a lull. Small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Likely mostly dry The morning will be substantially dry, a few light spots of rain may drift onto westernmost fells, which could become more frequent later though timing uncertain.	Chance early precipitation Some rain over the Yorks Dales in the morning, a few patches may reach further north into N Pennines where falling as sleet. Rain tending to clear, though a risk of patches lingering far south.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Variable banks early, improving for several hours From dawn, ribbons of cloud will cling to the slopes in a few layers. As the day gets going, the cloud will tend to lift and dissipate, leaving many hills free of cloud. With time, chance of cloud capping high terrain rises. 70%	May be fairly extensive early, improving From dawn, a risk of cloud banks at most elevations, though variable with cloudless layers possible too. After daybreak, the cloud level lifting, to near the summits of Yorks Dales NP, likely above the summits N Pennines. Rising to 80% N Pennines, 50% Yorks Dales NP
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Some patchy weak sun. Visibility will be limited by haze.	Some weak sunshine through high cloud, best N Pennines. Very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	6C, rising a degree or two, to 8C east Yorks Dales. Feeling just below freezing at dawn in direct wind. 4 or 5C from dawn, lifting to 11 or 12C.	0C rising to 2C. 2 or 3C from dawn, coolest temperatures to the north, possibly local dawn frost where sheltered. Rising to 5 or 6C.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 5 March, 2026

Thursday into Friday sees a band of rain pass east across most mountains, then a relatively settled weekend for England and Wales, and perhaps east Scotland too. Varying conditions over the next couple of weeks as areas of high pressure build across the British Isles then slip eastwards: dry and bright days with light winds mixed with periods of strengthening south/westerly winds bringing occasional rain from the west. Temperatures will vary, at times lifting just above freezing to high Munro tops, but typically lowering again to high terrain and briefly mid-slopes. Freezing levels will only briefly touch high England and Wales summits, but some frosts into valleys during clear-sky nights. Remaining old snow cover on Scottish mountains stays largely consolidated with little change, any remaining snow in England and Wales will thaw.

Forecast issued at 16:09 on Tuesday, 3 March, 2026

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