

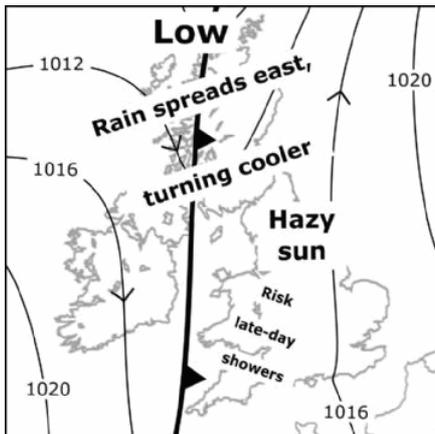
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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General Summary for Thursday, 5 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 5 March, 2026

A slow-moving front from the west brings rain and low cloud to western Scotland, turning to snow on tops as colder air arrives; freezing level later below 800m. Patchy rain encroaching further into Cumbria with time. Some heavier thundery bursts possible in Wales. Strong southerlies ease and turn W-NW'ly.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Blustery start, easing; weak sun through some cloud and haze

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 5 March, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 25-30mph from dawn, gradually easing, 15mph by evening, may lower further for a time. Overnight, shifting northerly and strengthening.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking impeded and feeling chilly in exposure early; improving, becoming fairly small for a least a few hours, but deteriorating overnight.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Likely mostly dry The day likely substantially dry. A few light spots of rain may drift onto westernmost fells, a risk of increasing frequency late in the day/overnight.
Cloud on the hills?	Variable banks early, many fells clearing 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, a few odd banks on high terrain may come and go.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Rising to 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, perhaps more often sunny in the Yorks Dales, some high cloud drifts in from the west. Visibility will be limited by haze, which will weaken sunshine too.
How Cold? (at 700m)	6C rising to 8C. Feeling just below freezing at dawn in direct wind.
And in the valleys	4 or 5C from dawn, lifting to 11 or 12C.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Friday 6 March	Saturday 7 March
How windy? (On the summits)	Northeasterly 15-20mph, slowly easing to 10mph or less and perhaps a lull.	Southeasterly 15 to 20mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Small.	Fairly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy light precipitation, most early Some patchy rain over the fells in the morning, falling as sleet onto high tops. Rain trends lighter and patchy with time, though a risk of returning for periods too.	Precipitation not expected
Cloud on the hills?	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, mostly to 600m and above, some variability and possibly clear summits at times.	Mostly little if any Some patchy cloud on mid to upper slopes early in the day, likely to lift above the hills.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Some weak sunshine through high cloud, best N Pennines. Very good visibility.	Cloud breaking to give occasional sun. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 700m)	0C, rising to 1C during daylight, then rising another degree or two overnight.	4C, but some spots slightly colder in the morning.
And in the valleys	1 to 3C from dawn, coolest temperatures to the north, possibly local frost where sheltered. Rising to 4C.	Slight frost in valleys at dawn. Rising to 10C afternoon.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 6 March, 2026**

Higher pressure extends back across the country to bring dry conditions on Saturday, feeling mild in sunshine by day after a chilly start. More cloud by Sunday as weak fronts encroach in from the west, some drizzly rain moving into western Scotland. Patchy rain likely in the west at least early in the new week, likely dropping back just below freezing on the Munros for a time with some snowfall on higher areas. Winds fairly light early week, then a risk of strengthening southwesterlies later in the week; changeable weather conditions with spells of rain coming in from the Atlantic. Remaining old snow cover on Scottish mountains stays largely consolidated with little change, only very patchy snow remains around highest tops in England and Wales.

Forecast issued at 16:14 on Wednesday, 4 March, 2026

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