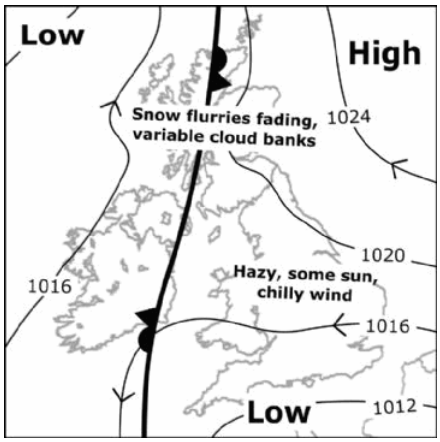
Lake District

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General Summary for Wednesday, 25 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 25 November, 2026

Early morning snow in the central Highlands will fade to flurries, becoming largely dry. Locally strong SE'ly wind for eastern Scotland, much less wind further west. England & Wales generally dry, with some weak sun, but hazy views and a cold wind.

Headline for Lake District

Gusty wind; typically dry, beware some icy surfaces on fells.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 25 November, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	East-southeasterly 20 to 30mph, but some local stronger gusty areas around high tops and passes, in places may reach 40mph in occasional gusts.
Effect of wind on you?	**Affecting ease of walking on exposed terrain with considerable wind chill, some gusty spots making balance tricky.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Generally dry** Substantially dry throughout the day, chance of a rare light flurry. Fresh snow lying on some higher slopes, also expect icy rock surfaces.
Cloud on the hills?	**Some patches, but many tops clear** Varying cloud patches from dawn may come and go over some slopes particularly eastern high tops, but tending to break above many tops, best west.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**70%, to 90% west**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little if any weak sun due to layers of high cloud. Hazy views in morning, visibility tending to improve, becoming very good afternoon.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Around 0 or -1C, slightly warmer in west; small change of temperature with height above around 600m. Feeling like -12C if in stronger wind.
Freezing Level	Poorly defined with much upland terrain partly frozen above 600m, but also frost in some valleys in the morning.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 26 November	Friday 27 November
How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 25 to 40mph, strengthening during day, 50mph by dusk onward at least in gusts; rising to 60mph into night.	Southerly 35 to 50mph, likely strongest in the morning, may ease to 20mph or less as the day goes on.
Effect of wind on you?	**Strenuous walking becoming increasingly challenging on high terrain, powerful downslope gusts. Significant wind chill.**	**Risk of difficult conditions and significant wind chill in the morning, tending to improve.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Dry all day** Well into night, chance of a little light hill snow developing from the west.	**Snow setting in, rain lower fells** Snow flurries over the fells become more persistent in the morning. Turning to sleet or heavy rain over southwestern fells, but snow may continue much of day high tops.
Cloud on the hills?	**Mostly southern fells** Varying cloud banks around higher slopes, most persistent toward south Lakes, whilst northwestward may be well broken and only patches drifting over tops at times.	**Extensive** Shrouding high terrain widely, from some lower elevations upward much of day in south Lakes. Higher bases northward.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**60%**	**10%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun likely to weaken as a veil of high cloud thickens from the west. Visibility very good, some haze over the Irish Sea.	Overcast and dull. Poor visibility widely, or whiteout over hills in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1C. Feeling like -10C to later nearer -15C directly in the wind on high tops.	-1C, rising to +1C coastal tops. Risk of wind chill feeling like -15C at least in the morning.
Freezing Level	Much terrain frozen, thawing only on sunlit lower slopes up to 500m.	Varying: Inland and east 600m, some lower terrain partly frozen at least in morning; rising just above freezing

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 26 November, 2026

Atlantic fronts bump into cold air across Britain by late Thursday into Friday, resulting in further hill snow, particularly substantial in southern Scottish Highlands. Strong to gale force south to southwesterlies prevail into the weekend, but a cold body of air across Britain will be slow to warm up, leaving many mountains frozen especially inland across Scotland and northern England; lying snow staying in place across the hills and some further flurries over hills at times, locally more persistent rain and hill snow; driest northern Scotland. Wales tending to become milder sooner over the weekend. Early next week, southwesterly gales are likely, milder for all at times with rain.

Forecast issued at 15:53 on Tuesday, 24 November, 2026

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