Weekly rainfall and river flow summary

Wednesday 3 December to Tuesday 9 December 2025

1 Summary

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1.1 Rainfall

It has been another very wet week across most of England, particularly in the north-west and south-west of the country. The total weekly rainfall for England was 43mm (the second wettest week of the year so far) ranging from 25mm in east England to 65mm in north-west England (Table 1 and Figure 1). Rainfall totals for the first 9 days of the month range from 50% of the long-term average (LTA) for December in east England to 64% in south-west England.

1.2 River flows

Compared to the previous week, river flows increased at all but 2 of our river reporting sites. Nearly all of the sites we report on (98%) were classed as normal or higher for the time of the year, with 21 sites (38%) classed as exceptionally high and 18 sites (49%) classed as notably high. Eight sites (15%) are classed as above normal and 7 (13%) as normal. Only 1 site (2%), the River Burn at Burnham in east England was classed as below normal for the time of year (Figure 3.1).

1.3 Outlook

Thursday will be bright but windy across England. Outbreaks of rain are forecast on Friday particularly across central areas which will clear eastwards on Friday to leave brighter skies. Conditions are expected to turn more unsettled over the weekend with winds strengthening, and rain developing across northern England. A continuation of the unsettled conditions is expected into Monday and Tuesday with bring further spells of rain, which may be heavy at times. There is also potential for some periods of strong winds at times too.

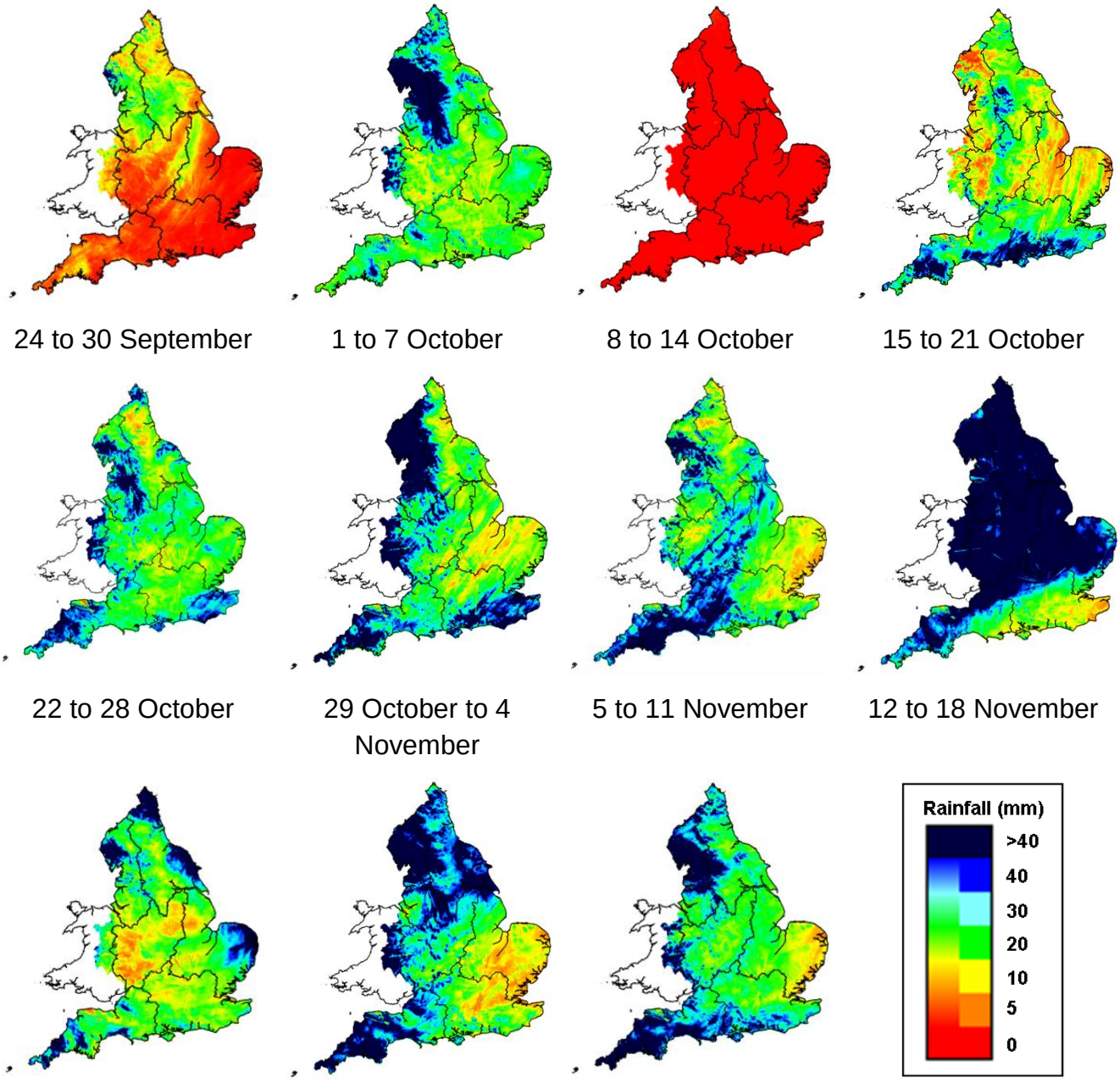
Table 1: Latest rainfall summary information (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright, 2025)

Geographic regions	3 to 9 Dec 2025 total rainfall (mm)	Dec 2025 to date total rainfall (mm)	Dec 2025 to date rainfall % of LTA	Nov 2025 total rainfall (mm)	Nov 2025 rainfall % of LTA	Last 3 months Sep to Nov 2025 total rainfall (mm)	Last 3 months Sep to Nov 2025 rainfall % of LTA	Last 6 months Jun to Nov 2025 total rainfall (mm)	Last 6 months Jun to Nov 2025 rainfall % of LTA	Last 12 months Dec 2024 to Nov 2025 total rainfall (mm)	Last 12 months Dec 2024 to Nov 2025 rainfall % of LTA
north-west	65	81	56	211	160	536	145	830	125	1,285	101
north-east	46	52	58	157	171	356	143	498	106	781	88
central	34	42	56	140	188	291	137	391	96	656	86
east	25	29	50	107	172	213	119	312	89	511	81
south-east	36	47	56	88	100	248	107	370	92	637	82
south-west	64	81	64	159	125	382	118	538	98	972	89
England	43	53	57	138	149	320	128	463	101	766	88

Notes: Long term average (LTA) rainfall for 1991 to 2020. Data for the current month are calculated using MORECS (Met Office Rainfall and Evaporation Calculation System); data for past months are provisional values from the National Climate Information Centre (NCIC). The data are rounded to the nearest millimetre or percent except when values are less than 1. Recorded amounts of rainfall are likely to be underestimated during snow events.

2 Rainfall

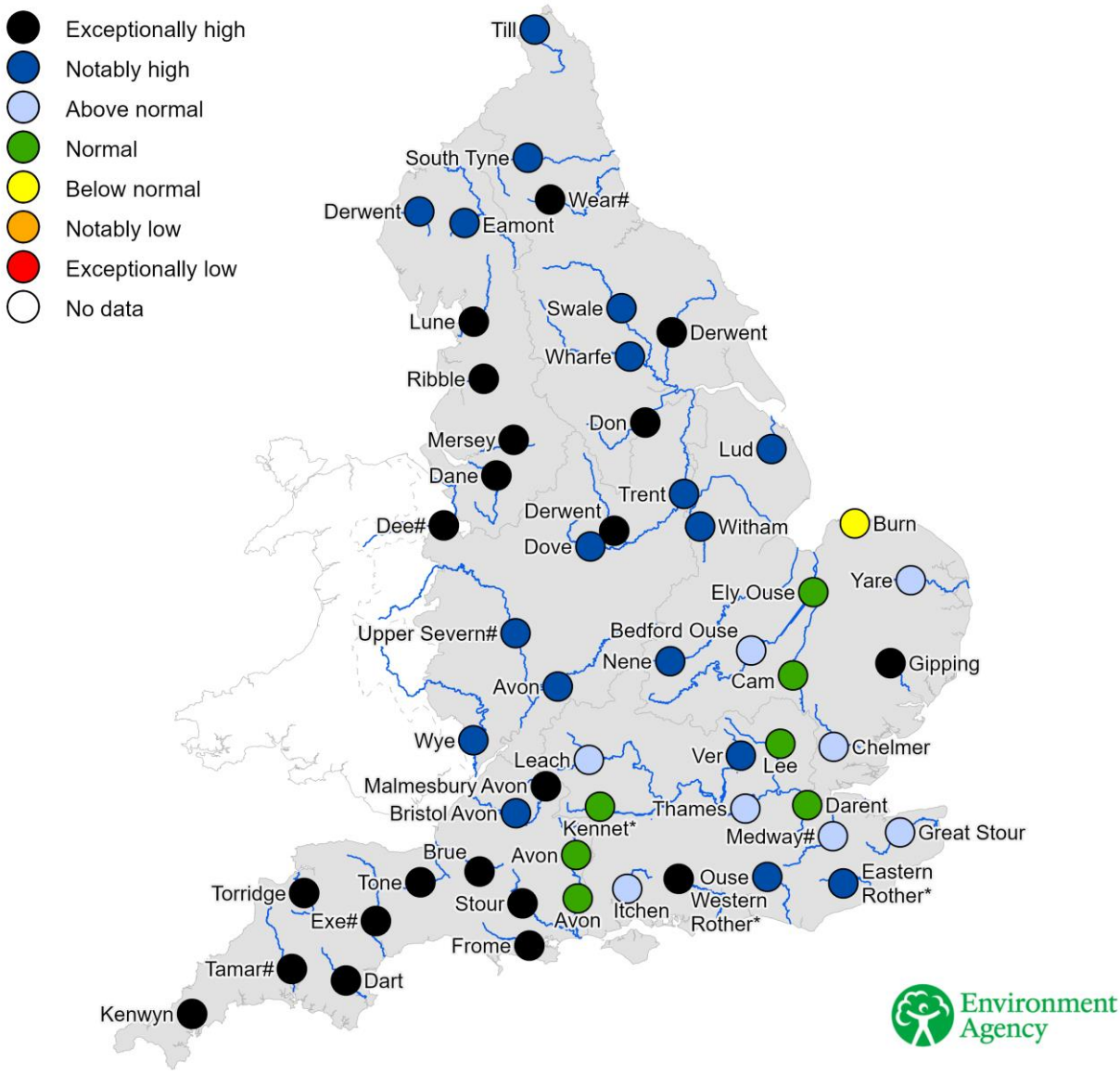
Figure 2: Weekly precipitation across England and Wales for the past 11 weeks. UKPP radar. Note: Images may sometimes include straight lines originating from the centre of the radar, resulting from tall trees and buildings located near the radar installation affecting its performance. This does not reflect actual conditions on the ground.



3 River flows

3.1 River flows map

Figure 3.1: Latest daily mean river flow, relative to an analysis of historic daily mean flows, classed by flow percentile for the same time of year. River flows for the River Thames at Kingston and the River Lee at Feildes Weir are naturalised. * Flows may be overestimated and data should be treated with caution. # Flows may be impacted by upstream reservoir releases.



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3.2 River flow categories

Exceptionally high	Value likely to fall within this band 5% of the time
Notably high	Value likely to fall within this band 8% of the time
Above normal	Value likely to fall within this band 15% of the time
Normal	Value likely to fall within this band 44% of the time
Below normal	Value likely to fall within this band 15% of the time
Notably low	Value likely to fall within this band 8% of the time
Exceptionally low	Value likely to fall within this band 5% of the time