

Weekly rainfall and river flow summary

Wednesday 11 February to Tuesday 17 February 2026

1 Summary

It has been another wet week across the whole of the country with all but northern England already exceeding the February long term average (LTA) rainfall total. Almost all river flows were classed as above normal or higher for the time of year.

1.1 Rainfall

It has been another wet week across the majority of the country, though less wet than last week except in east England. Rainfall totals ranged from 33mm in south-west England to 26mm in south-east England (Table 1 and Figure 2). Rainfall totals for the month of February to date range from 73% of the LTA in north-west England to 154% of the LTA in central England. Additionally, rainfall totals across England for the month of February to date, are 118% of the LTA. (Table 1)

1.2 River flows

River flows have increased or decreased in near equal measure compared with the previous week. The vast majority of sites were classed as above normal or higher for the time of year. Thirteen sites (24%) were classed as exceptionally high, 19 sites (34%) were classed as notably high, 17 sites (31%) were classed as above normal and 6 sites (11%) were classed as normal for the time of year. (Figure 3.1)

1.3 Outlook

Thursday will be showery across the country. Friday will also be showery with heavier rainfall expected across parts of central, east and northern England. Saturday will start the weekend brighter in the south, but showers are still expected in northern England. Overnight and into Sunday, will see a return to showery conditions across England which are set to continue into Monday and Tuesday.

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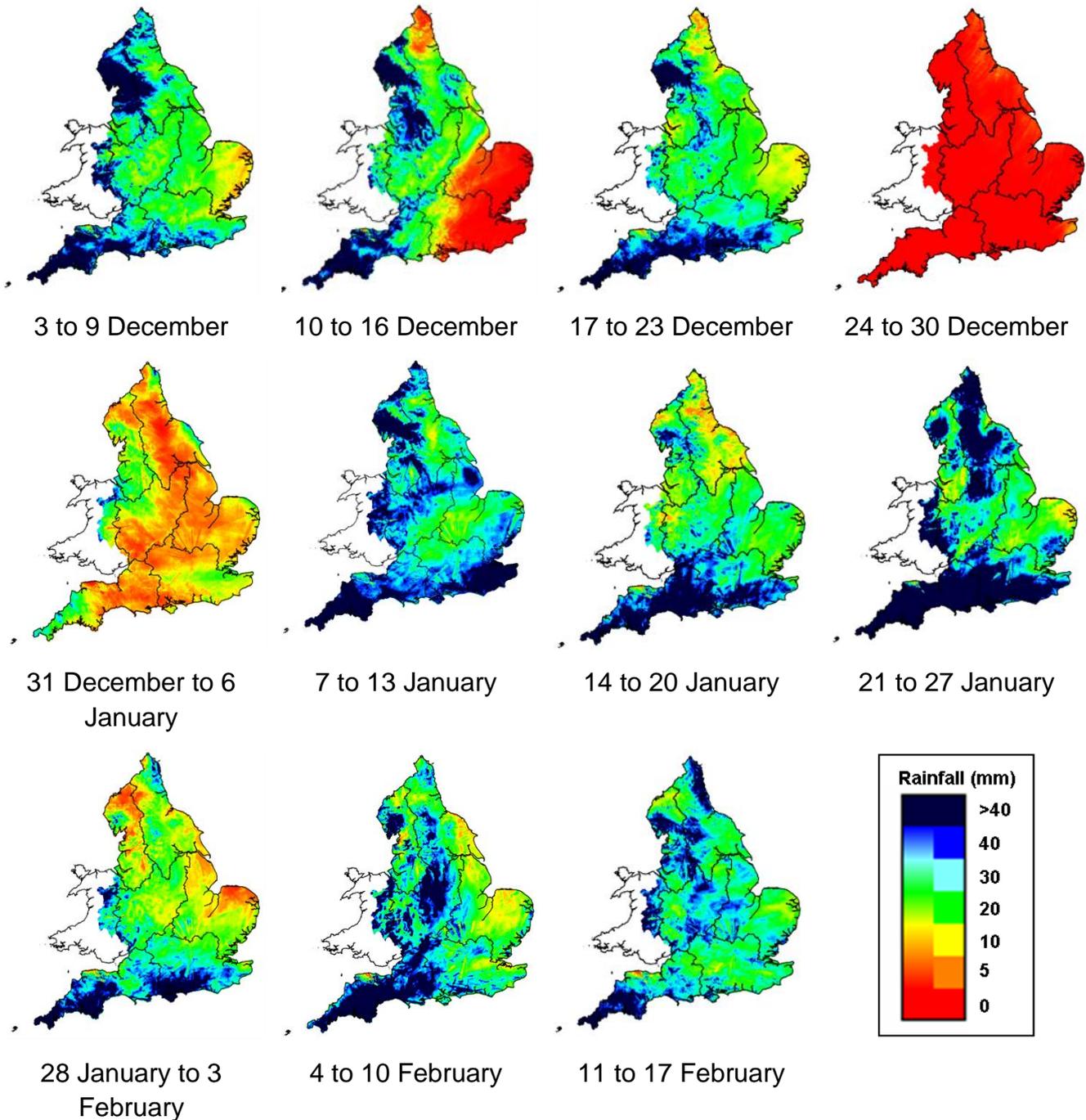
Table 1: Latest rainfall summary information (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright, 2026)

Geographic regions	11 to 17 Feb 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Feb 2026 to date total rainfall (mm)	Feb 2026 to date rainfall % of LTA	Jan 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Jan 2026 rainfall % of LTA	Last 3 months Nov 2025 to Jan 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Last 3 months Nov 2025 to Jan 2026 rainfall % of LTA	Last 6 months Aug 2025 to Jan 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Last 6 months Aug 2025 to Jan 2026 rainfall % of LTA	Last 12 months Feb 2025 to Jan 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Last 12 months Feb 2025 to Jan 2026 rainfall % of LTA
north-west	27	76	73	100	80	482	120	867	116	1,285	101
north-east	28	69	99	101	126	348	132	571	114	799	90
central	30	83	154	109	163	340	157	511	121	693	91
east	27	57	134	82	156	244	141	368	105	535	85
south-east	26	80	139	142	180	319	127	510	112	712	92
south-west	33	110	124	216	184	549	148	822	126	1,139	104
England	28	78	118	124	150	367	137	581	116	820	94

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.



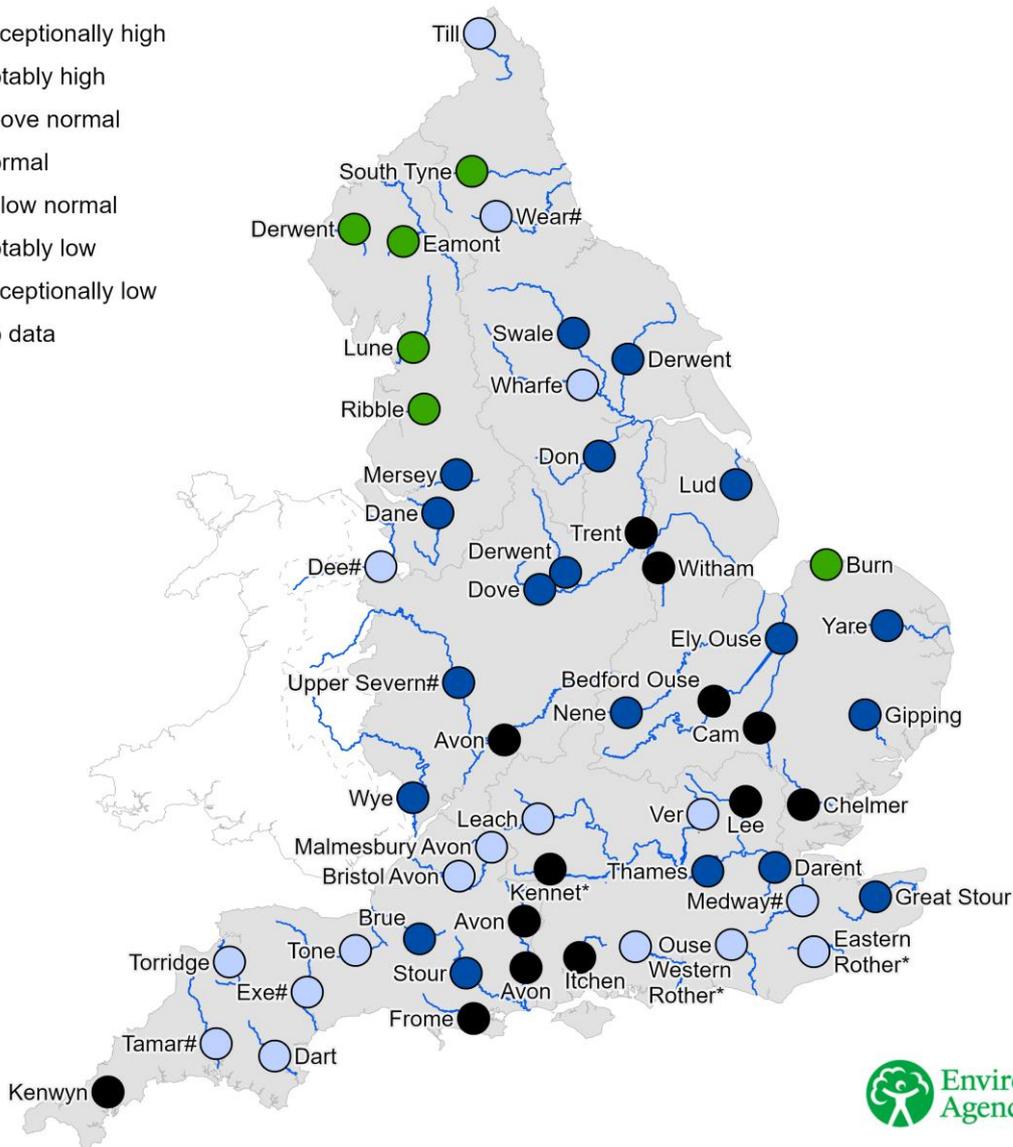
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3 River flows

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.

- Exceptionally high
- Notably high
- Above normal
- Normal
- Below normal
- Notably low
- Exceptionally low
- No data



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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