

# Weekly rainfall and river flow summary

Wednesday 11 March to Tuesday 17 March 2026

## 1 Summary

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### 1.1 Rainfall

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### 1.2 River flows

River flows increased at nearly two-thirds of the river flow sites we report on compared with the previous week. All sites were classed as normal or higher for the time of year with 28 sites (53%) classed as normal. A further 20 sites (38%) were classed as above normal and 5 sites (9%) were notably high (Figure 3.1).

### 1.3 Outlook

After a chilly start on Thursday, most areas will have a warm and sunny day with light winds, however northern England could remain rather cloudy. Dry conditions with sunny spells are forecast to continue across England throughout Friday and into the weekend. Conditions become more changeable and unsettled on Monday and Tuesday with rain forecast for northern England with the potential for snow on higher ground.

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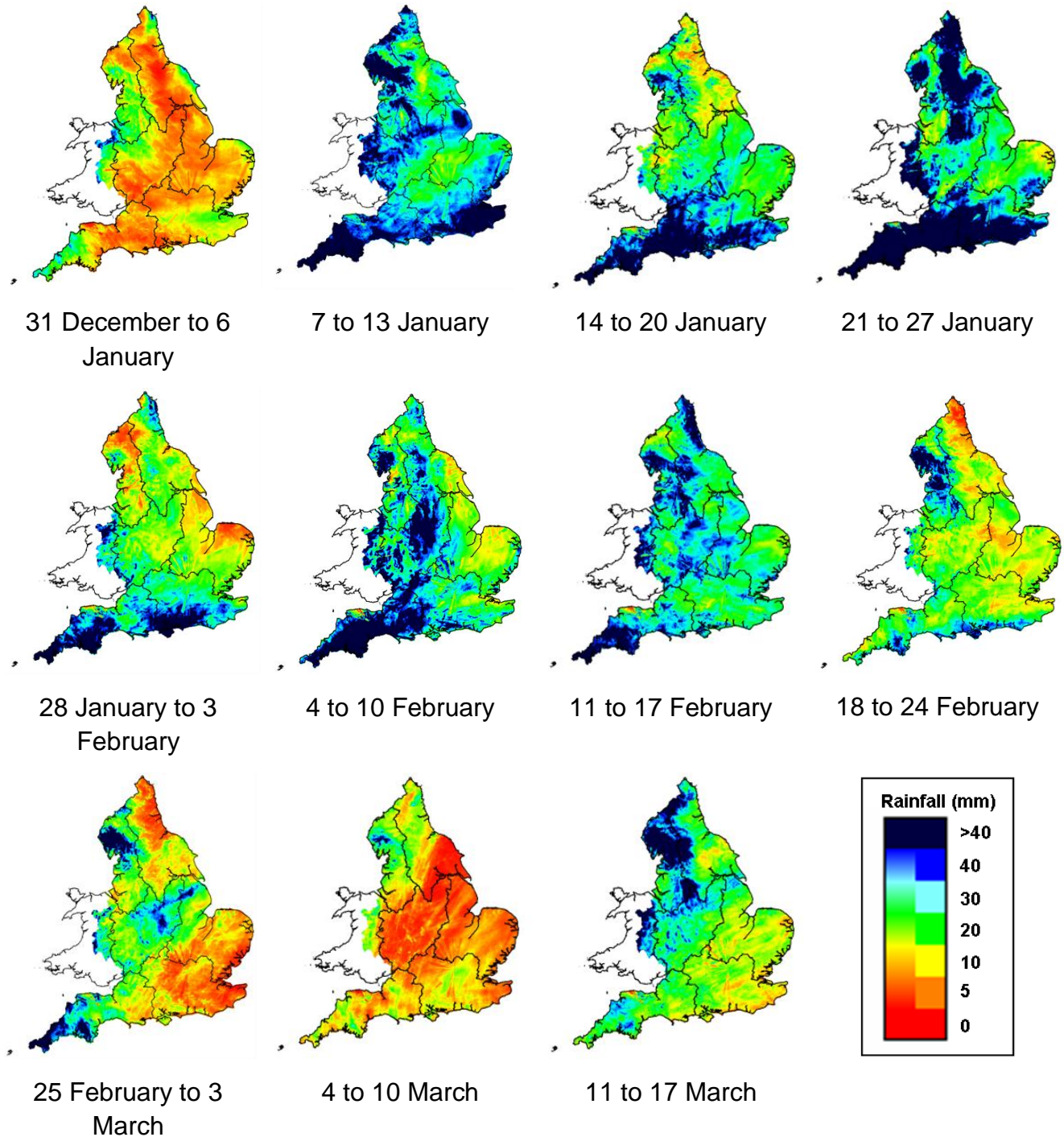
Table 1: Latest rainfall summary information (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright, 2026)

Geographic regions	11 to 17 Mar 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Mar 2026 to date total rainfall (mm)	Mar 2026 to date rainfall % of LTA	Feb 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Feb 2026 rainfall % of LTA	Last 3 months Dec 2025 to Feb 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Last 3 months Dec 2025 to Feb 2026 rainfall % of LTA	Last 6 months Sep 2025 to Feb 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Last 6 months Sep 2025 to Feb 2026 rainfall % of LTA	Last 12 months Mar 2025 to Feb 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Last 12 months Mar 2025 to Feb 2026 rainfall % of LTA
north-west	41	64	71	115	111	386	104	922	124	1,340	105
north-east	26	37	60	97	139	288	120	644	132	858	97
central	22	26	52	122	229	323	165	614	151	778	102
east	14	19	48	77	183	214	140	427	129	577	91
south-east	14	23	47	109	189	340	155	588	130	761	98
south-west	18	31	41	167	189	558	167	940	143	1,214	111
England	21	31	53	112	170	342	142	662	135	880	101

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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