Weekly rainfall and river flow summary

Wednesday 8 April to Tuesday 14 April 2026

1 Summary

East and south-east England had another dry week, while north-west England received the highest rainfall totals. Half way through April, England as a whole has received 24% of the long term average rainfall expected during the month. River flows decreased at the majority of sites following these drier conditions, however more than two-thirds were classed as normal for the time of year.

1.1 Rainfall

It has been a mixed week across England, with the wettest conditions in the north and west of England and drier weather elsewhere. Rainfall totals ranged from 2mm in east England, to 23mm in the north-west (Table 1 and Figure 2). It was the fourth consecutive week of less than 10mm of rainfall in England, with neither east or south-east England receiving more than 5mm of rain in any week during this period. April so far has brought 52% of long term average (LTA) rainfall to north-west England, while east England has received just 6% of LTA for April. England as a whole has received just under a quarter of the rain expected for the month. (Table 1)

1.2 River flows

With ongoing drier conditions for much of the country, river flows decreased at the majority of the river flow sites we report on when compared to the previous week. River flows were classed as normal for the time of year at just over two-thirds of sites (38 sites). A quarter of sites (14 sites) were classed as below normal for the time of year, many of which were found in east and southern England. Just three sites were classed as above normal, the River Eamont in north-west England, and the Rivers Ver and Itchen in the south-east. (Figure 3.1)

1.3 Outlook

Thursday will be bright and breezy, with sunny spells and showers. On Friday, rain will move slowly eastwards before clearing on Saturday morning. High pressure will build behind this wet weather, bringing dry and bright conditions for many. This dry weather with sunny spells will remain on Monday and into next week, although a chance of rain remains in the south-west.

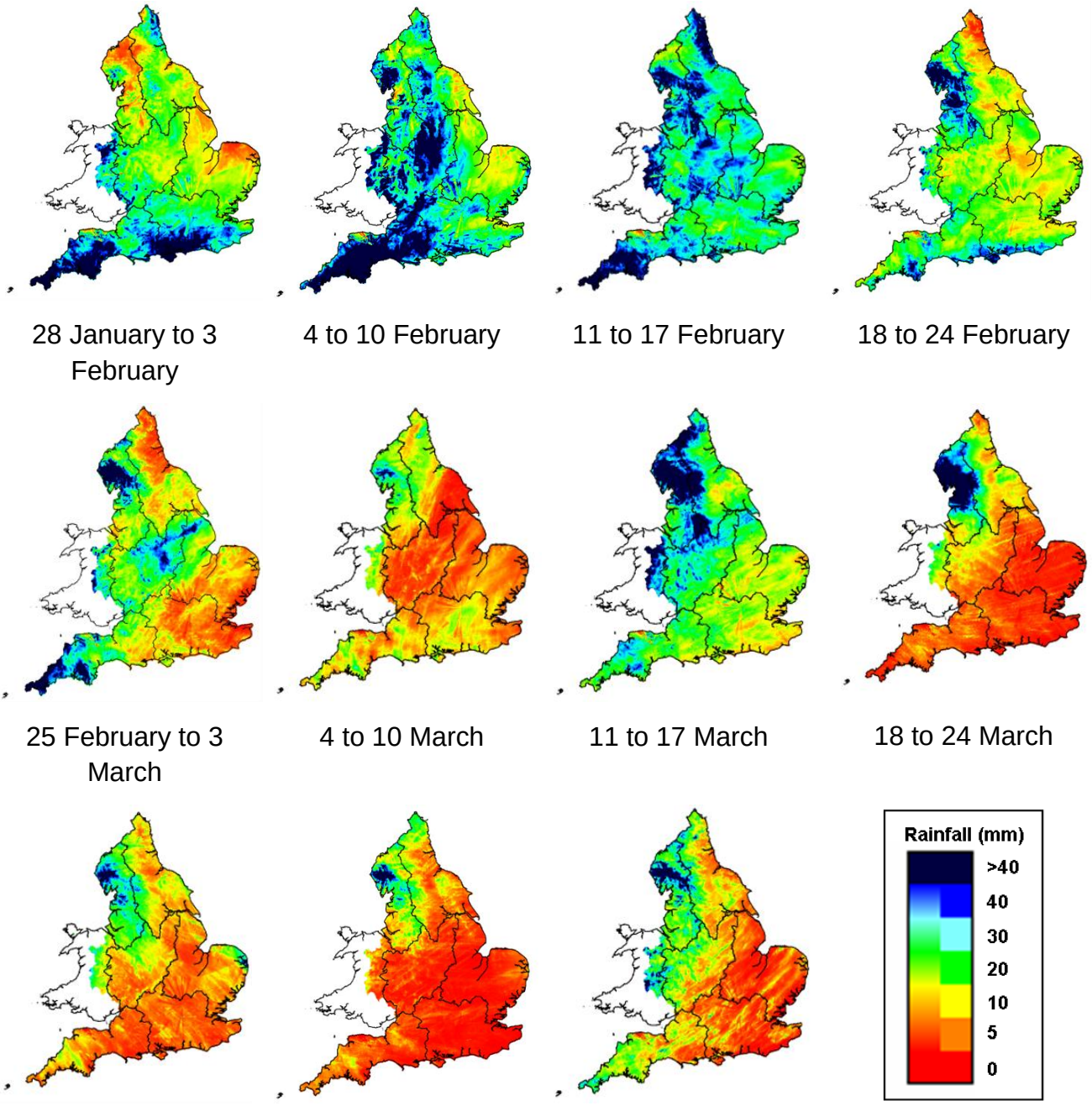
Table 1: Latest rainfall summary information (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright, 2026)

Geographic regions	8 to 14 Apr 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Apr 2026 to date total rainfall (mm)	Apr 2026 to date rainfall % of LTA	Mar 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Mar 2026 rainfall % of LTA	Last 3 months Jan to Mar 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Last 3 months Jan to Mar 2026 rainfall % of LTA	Last 6 months Oct 2025 to Mar 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Last 6 months Oct 2025 to Mar 2026 rainfall % of LTA	Last 12 months Apr 2025 to Mar 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Last 12 months Apr 2025 to Mar 2026 rainfall % of LTA
north-west	23	37	52	122	136	337	106	841	116	1,431	113
north-east	10	18	30	60	98	257	122	581	121	892	101
central	10	13	24	39	76	270	158	564	142	803	105
east	2	3	6	24	62	184	137	399	125	594	94
south-east	4	5	11	29	59	280	151	543	123	783	101
south-west	12	17	24	48	62	432	153	869	133	1,251	114
England	9	14	24	49	83	285	137	609	126	914	105

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

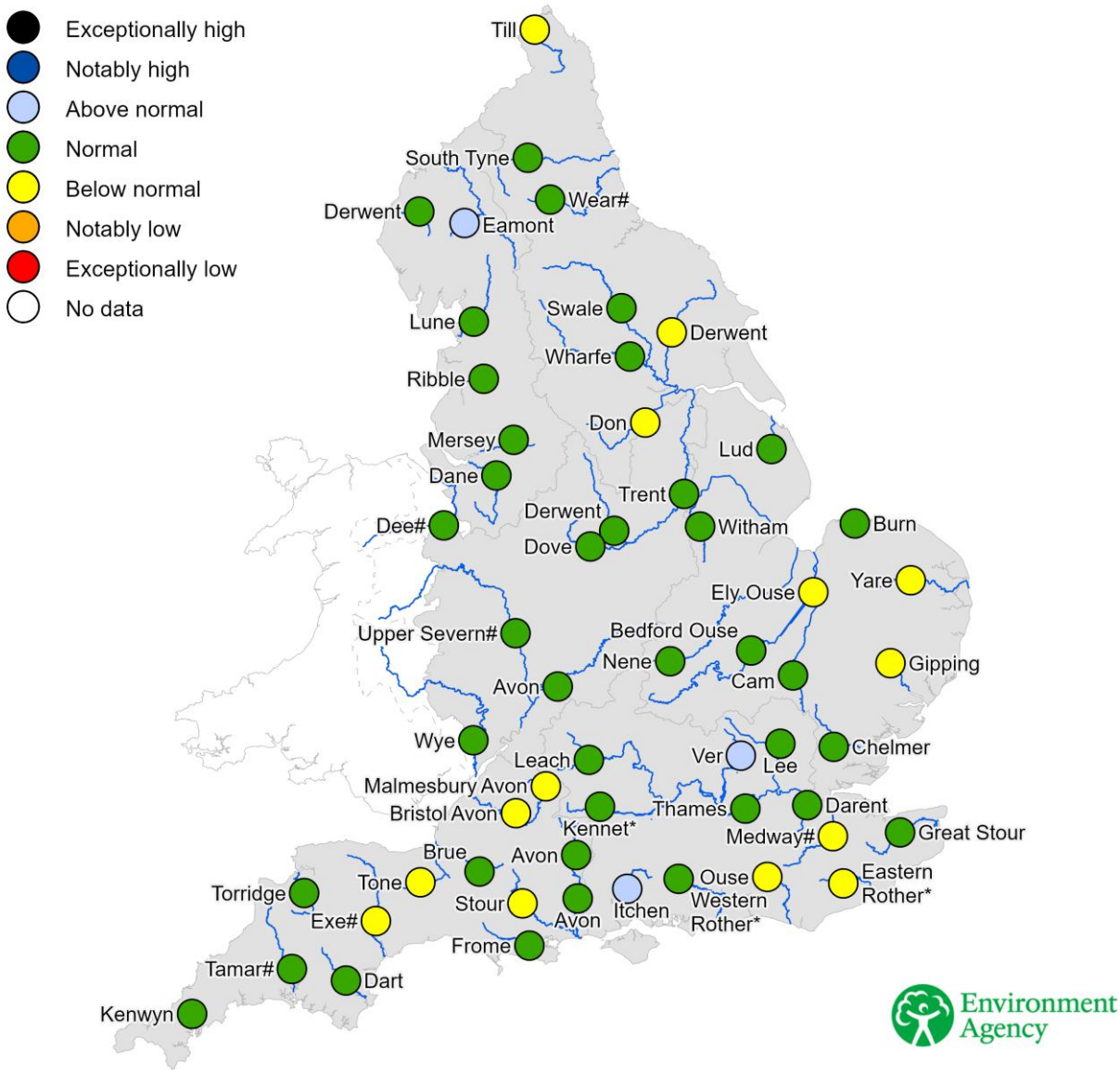
Figure 2: Weekly precipitation across England and Wales for the past 11 weeks. UKPP radar. Note: Images may sometimes include straight lines originating from the centre of the radar, resulting from tall trees and buildings located near the radar installation affecting its performance. This does not reflect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