Weekly rainfall and river flow summary

Wednesday 28 October to Tuesday 3 November 2026

1 Summary

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1.1 Rainfall

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1.2 River flows

River flows decreased at all of the sites we report on compared to the previous week with all sites now being classed as normal or lower for the time of year. 9 sites (16%) are classed as normal, 34 sites (62%) are classed as below normal, 8 sites (15%) are classed as notably low and 4 sites (7%) are now classed as exceptionally low for the time of year. (Figure 3.1)

1.3 Outlook

Thursday will be dry and cloudy for most with some sunshine in eastern England along with breezy conditions. Friday will see areas of thick cloud across the country with some localised showers in south-west England. The weekend will largely be dry and cloudy with some sunny spells expected in southern England. After a misty start Monday, cloudy conditions will continue with some showers on Tuesday.

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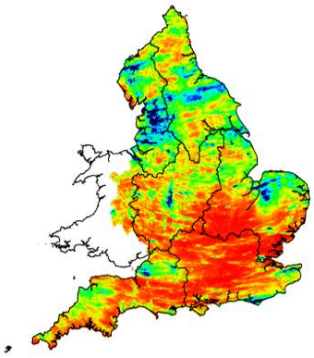
Table 1: Latest rainfall summary information (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright, 2026)

Geographic regions	28 Oct to 3 Nov 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Nov 2026 to date total rainfall (mm)	Nov 2026 to date rainfall % of LTA	Oct 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Oct 2026 rainfall % of LTA	Last 3 months Aug to Oct 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Last 3 months Aug to Oct 2026 rainfall % of LTA	Last 6 months May to Oct 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Last 6 months May to Oct 2026 rainfall % of LTA	Last 12 months Nov 2025 to Oct 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Last 12 months Nov 2025 to Oct 2026 rainfall % of LTA
north-west	1	<1	0	161	122	359	103	562	93	1,336	105
north-east	3	<1	0	92	108	197	84	327	75	859	97
central	2	<1	0	79	102	180	88	283	73	804	105
east	3	3	5	72	113	152	86	226	67	577	91
south-east	3	<1	0	101	118	168	81	267	73	732	95
south-west	<1	<1	1	131	110	240	85	369	76	1,161	106
England	2	<1	0	101	112	205	88	321	76	871	100

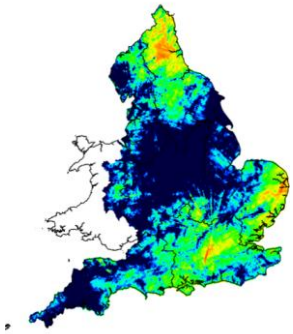
Notes: Long term average (LTA) rainfall for 1991 to 2020. Data for the current month are calculated using MORECS (Met Office Rainfall and Evaporation Calculation System); data for past months are provisional values from the National Climate Information Centre (NCIC). The data are rounded to the nearest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

2 Rainfall

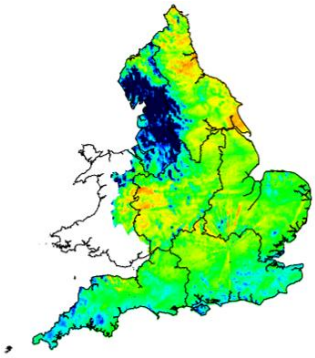
Figure 2: Weekly precipitation across England and Wales for the past 11 weeks. UKPP radar. Note: Images may sometimes include straight lines originating from the centre of the radar, resulting from tall trees and buildings located near the radar installation affecting its performance. This does not reflect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



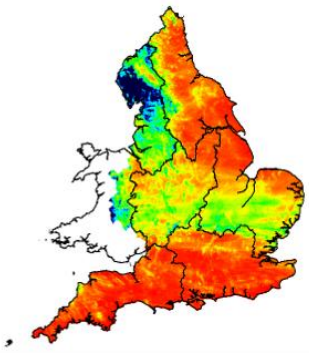
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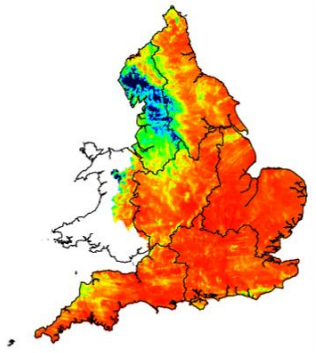
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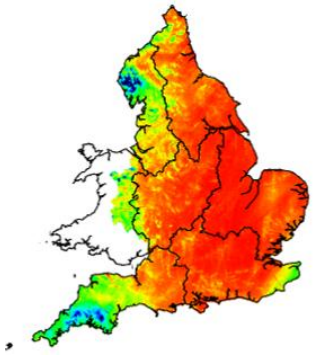
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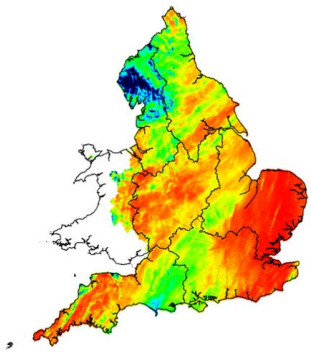
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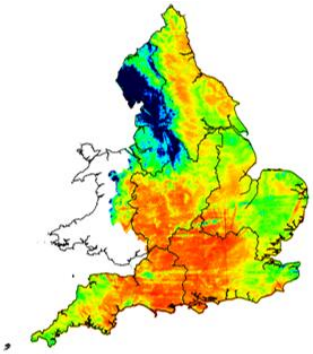
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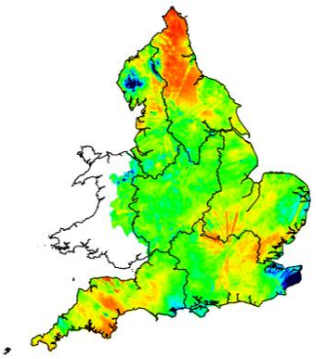
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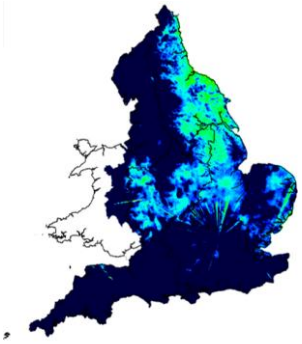
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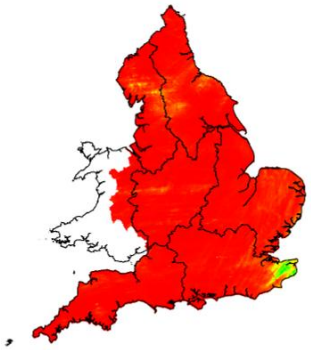
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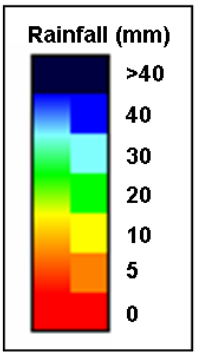
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28 October to 3 November

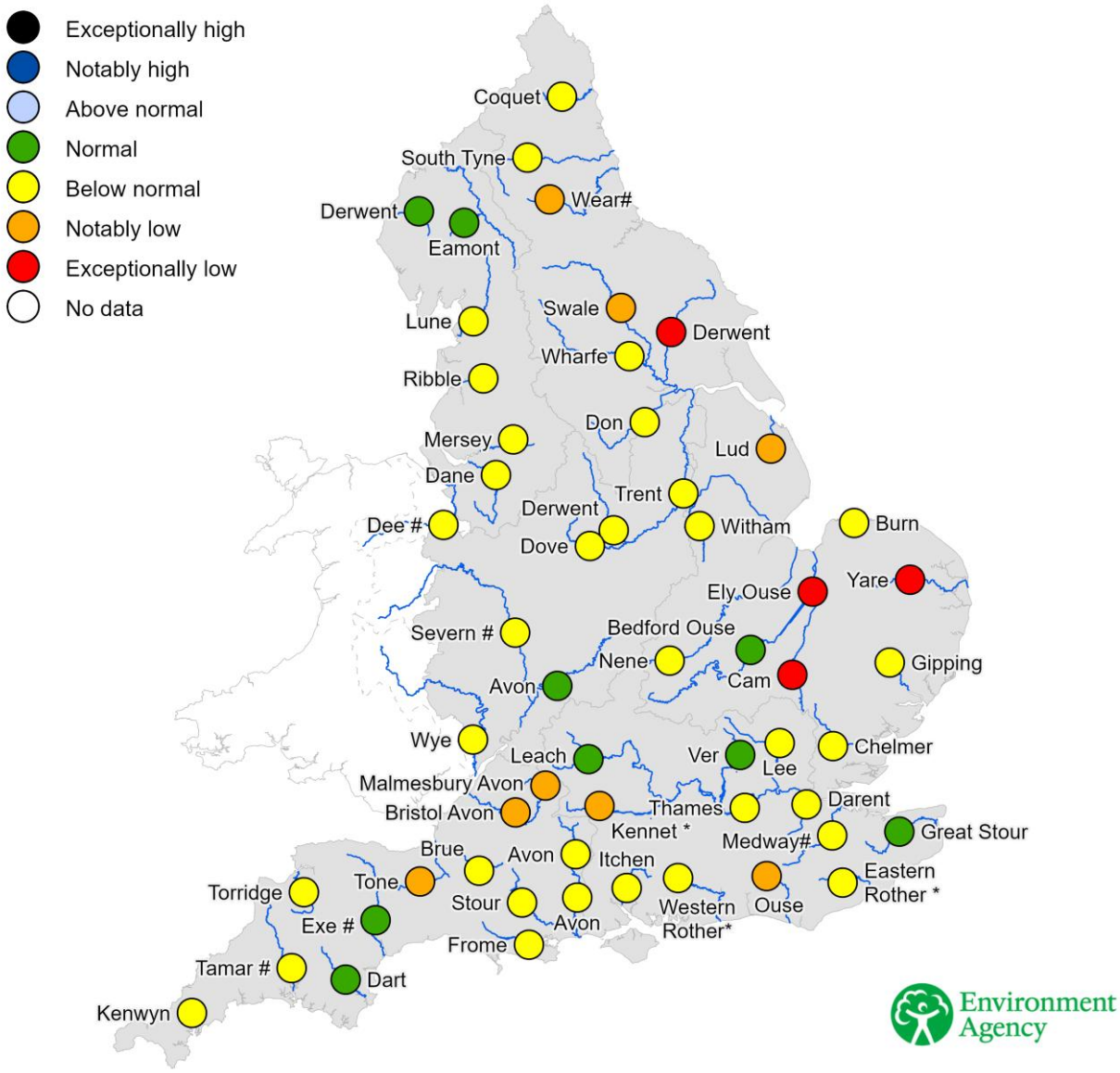


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3 River flows

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.



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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