Weekly rainfall and river flow summary

Wednesday 4 November to Tuesday 10 November 2026

1 Summary

It has been the second predominately dry week across northern and eastern England but wetter across southern England. In the catchments which received rainfall, river flows responded but overall they decreased at just over half of the sites we report on and all sites remain classed as normal or lower for the time of year.

1.1 Rainfall

With the exception of east England, all regions received more rainfall than last week but conditions still remain dry for the time of year. Rainfall totals ranged from just 1mm in east England to 17mm in south-west England (Table 1 and Figure 2). Rainfall totals for November to date range from 2% of the long-term average (LTA) in the north-west of England to 15% of the LTA in the south-east. For England as a whole, the rainfall total for November so far is 8mm which equates to 9% of the LTA (Table 1).

1.2 River flows

With little rainfall across most of the country, river flows decreased at just over half of the sites that we report on compared to the previous week and every site remains classed as normal or lower for the time of year. However, river flows increased for the majority of sites across the south-west and south-east. Three sites (6% of the total) are classed as normal for the time of year, 22 sites (41%) are classed as below normal, 24 sites (44%) are classed as notably low and a final 5 sites (9%) are classed as exceptionally low for the time of year.

1.3 Outlook

Thursday will be dry, sunny, but cooler with northerly winds coming in and conditions being particularly breezy towards the coasts. After an overnight frost, the northerly winds will persist on Friday and into the weekend, causing conditions to remain sunny but chilly across the country. On Monday, showers are expected ahead of a transition to more changeable conditions with bands of wind and rain moving in from areas of low pressure in the Atlantic.

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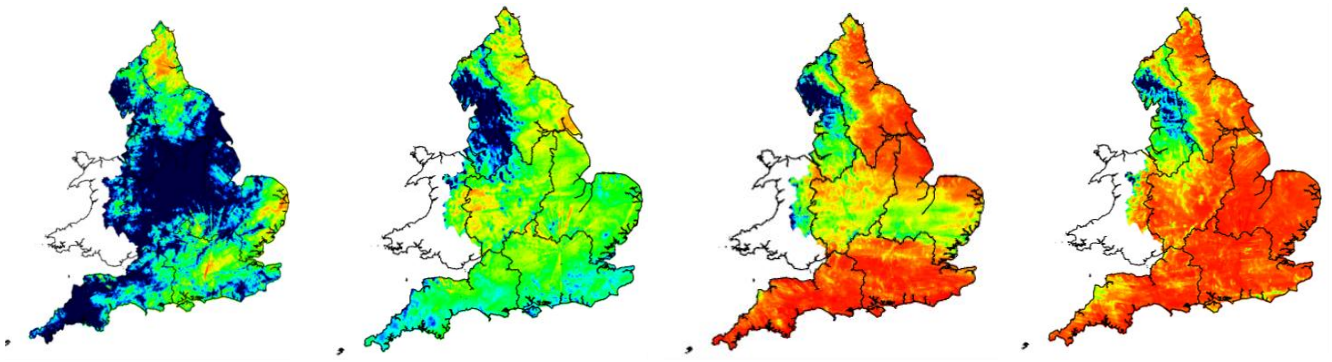
Table 1: Latest rainfall summary information (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright, 2026)

Geographic regions	4 to 10 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	2	3	2	161	122	359	103	562	93	1,336	105
north-east	4	6	6	92	108	197	84	327	75	859	97
central	5	6	8	79	102	180	88	283	73	804	105
east	1	4	7	72	113	152	86	226	67	577	91
south-east	11	13	15	101	118	168	81	267	73	732	95
south-west	17	17	13	131	110	240	85	369	76	1,161	106
England	7	8	9	101	112	205	88	321	76	871	100

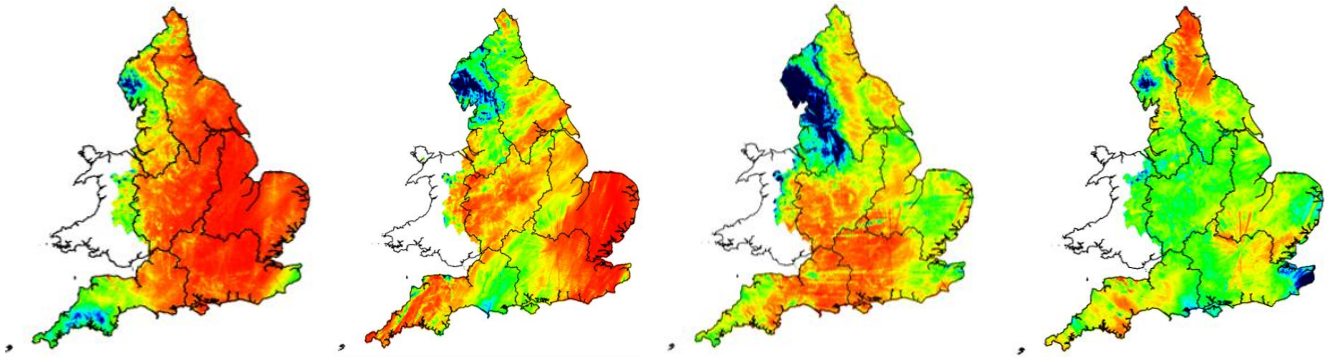
Notes: Long term average (LTA) rainfall for 1991 to 2020. Data for the current and past months are provisional values from the Met Office National Climate Information Centre (NCIC). The data are rounded to the nearest millimetre or percent except when values are less than 1. Recorded amounts of rainfall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

2 Rainfall

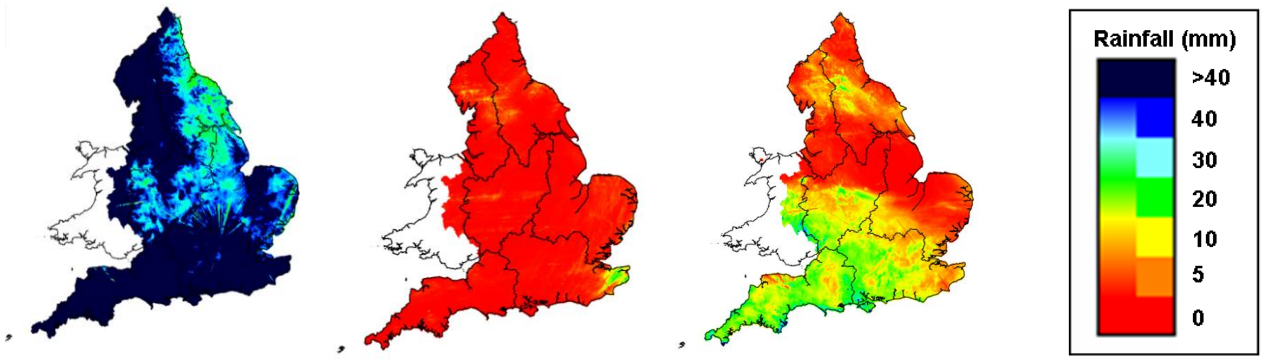
Figure 2: Weekly precipitation across England and Wales for the past 11 weeks. UKPP radar. Note: Images may sometimes include straight lines originating from the centre of the radar, resulting from tall trees and buildings located near the radar installation affecting its performance. This does not reflect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



26 August to 1 September | 2 to 8 September | 9 to 15 September | 16 to 22 September



23 to 29 September | 30 September to 6 October | 7 to 13 October | 14 to 20 October



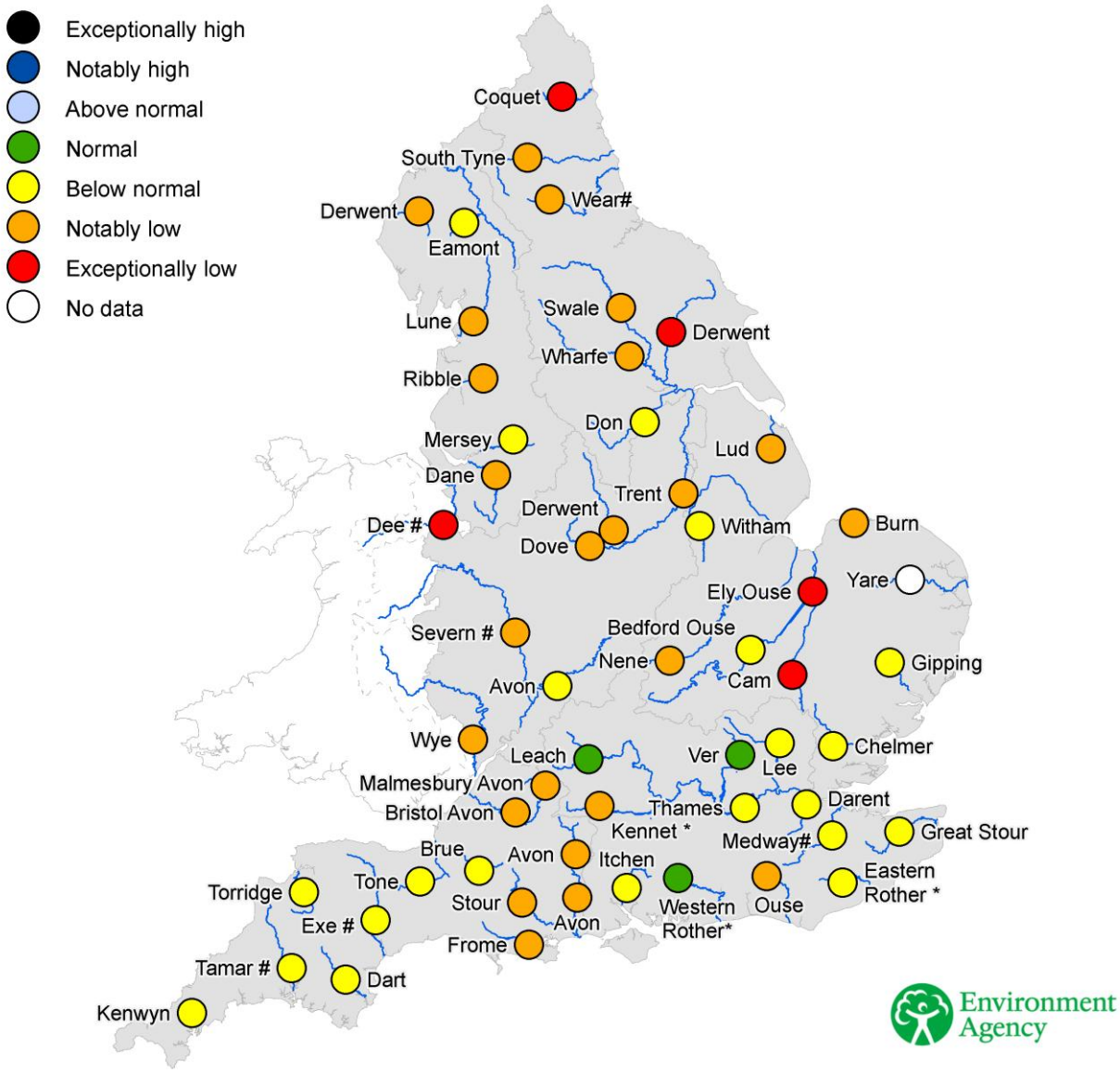
21 to 27 October | 28 October to 3 November | 4 to 10 November

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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