Weekly rainfall and river flow summary

Wednesday 11 November to Tuesday 17 November 2026

1 Summary

All of England had a wet week, although rainfall totals were highest in the south-west. River flows increased across England in response, and almost three-quarters of sites are now classed as normal or higher for the time of year. However, below normal or lower flows persist in some catchments reflecting the ongoing impact of drought conditions.

1.1 Rainfall

It was a wet week across England, with all regions receiving more than 25mm of rainfall. Rainfall totals ranged from 25mm in the north-east to 43mm in south-west England (Table 1 and Figure 2). Rainfall totals for November to date are varied, with north-west England having only received 23% of the long term average (LTA) after 17 days, while both central and east England have received 53% of the LTA. For England as a whole, rainfall in November so far is 39mm which is 42% of the LTA (Table 1).

1.2 River flows

In response to widespread wet weather, river flows increased at almost all of the sites that we report on. River flows were classed between notably high and exceptionally low for the time of year as recent rainfall and ongoing drought conditions combine to create a mixed picture across England. Twenty-eight sites (51% of the total) were classed as normal for the time of year. Ten sites (18%) were classed as above normal, with the majority of these sites found in southern England, and 2 (4%) in the south-west were classed as notably high for the time of year. Six sites (11%) were classed as below normal, while 5 (9%) were classed as notably low. Four sites (7%) were classed as exceptionally low for the time of year, the Rivers Swale and Derwent in north-east England, and the Rivers Dee and Wye in Wales. (Figure 3.1)

1.3 Outlook

Thursday will bring heavy showers and persistent rain to much of southern England, with brighter conditions further north with isolated showers. Friday is expected to be cold and dry for many with any showers easing. Saturday will start cold with frosts likely, with plenty of sunshine. Rain will move in from the west late on Saturday and early on Sunday, with the wettest conditions expected in the south-west and south of England. These unsettled conditions will remain on Monday.

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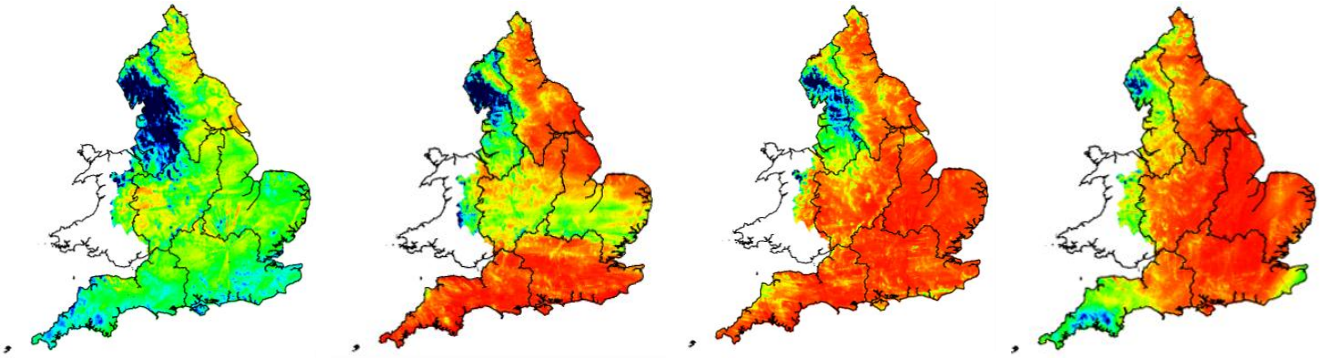
Table 1: Latest rainfall summary information (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright, 2026)

Geographic regions	11 to 17 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	28	30	23	161	122	359	103	562	93	1,336	105
north-east	25	30	33	92	108	197	84	327	75	859	97
central	34	40	53	79	102	180	88	283	73	804	105
east	29	33	53	72	113	152	86	226	67	577	91
south-east	27	41	47	101	118	168	81	267	73	732	95
south-west	43	59	46	131	110	240	85	369	76	1,161	106
England	31	39	42	101	112	205	88	321	76	871	100

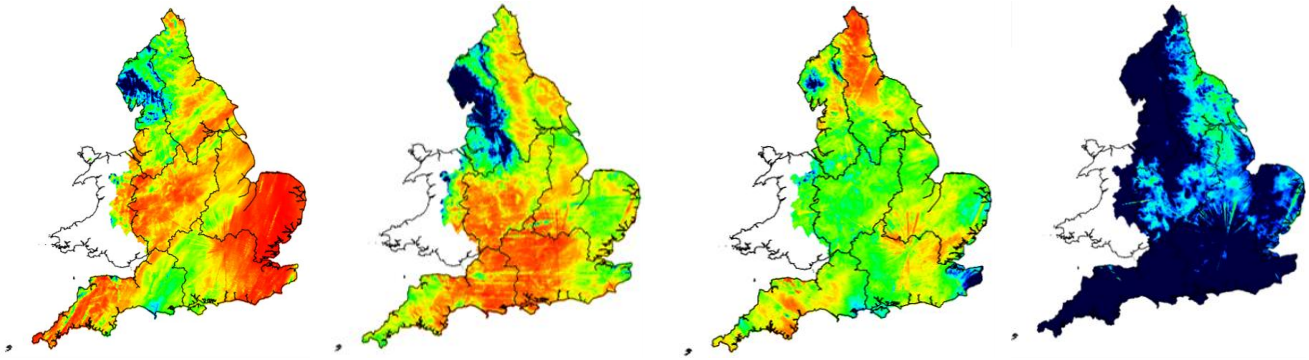
Notes: Long term average (LTA) rainfall for 1991 to 2020. Data for the current month and past months are provisional values from the Met Office National Climate Information Centre (NCIC). The data are rounded to the nearest millimetre or percent except when values are less than 1. Recorded amounts of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

2 Rainfall

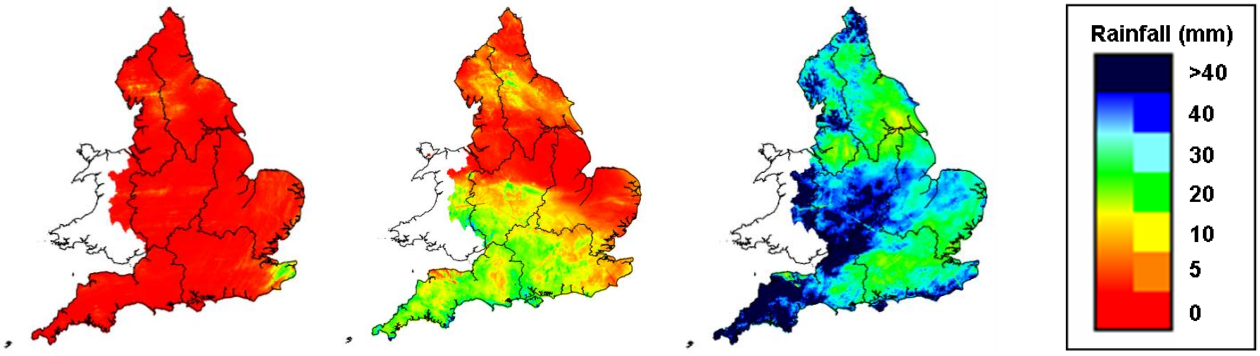
Figure 2: Weekly precipitation across England and Wales for the past 11 weeks. UKPP radar. Note: Images may sometimes include straight lines originating from the centre of the radar, resulting from tall trees and buildings located near the radar installation affecting its performance. This does not reflect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



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



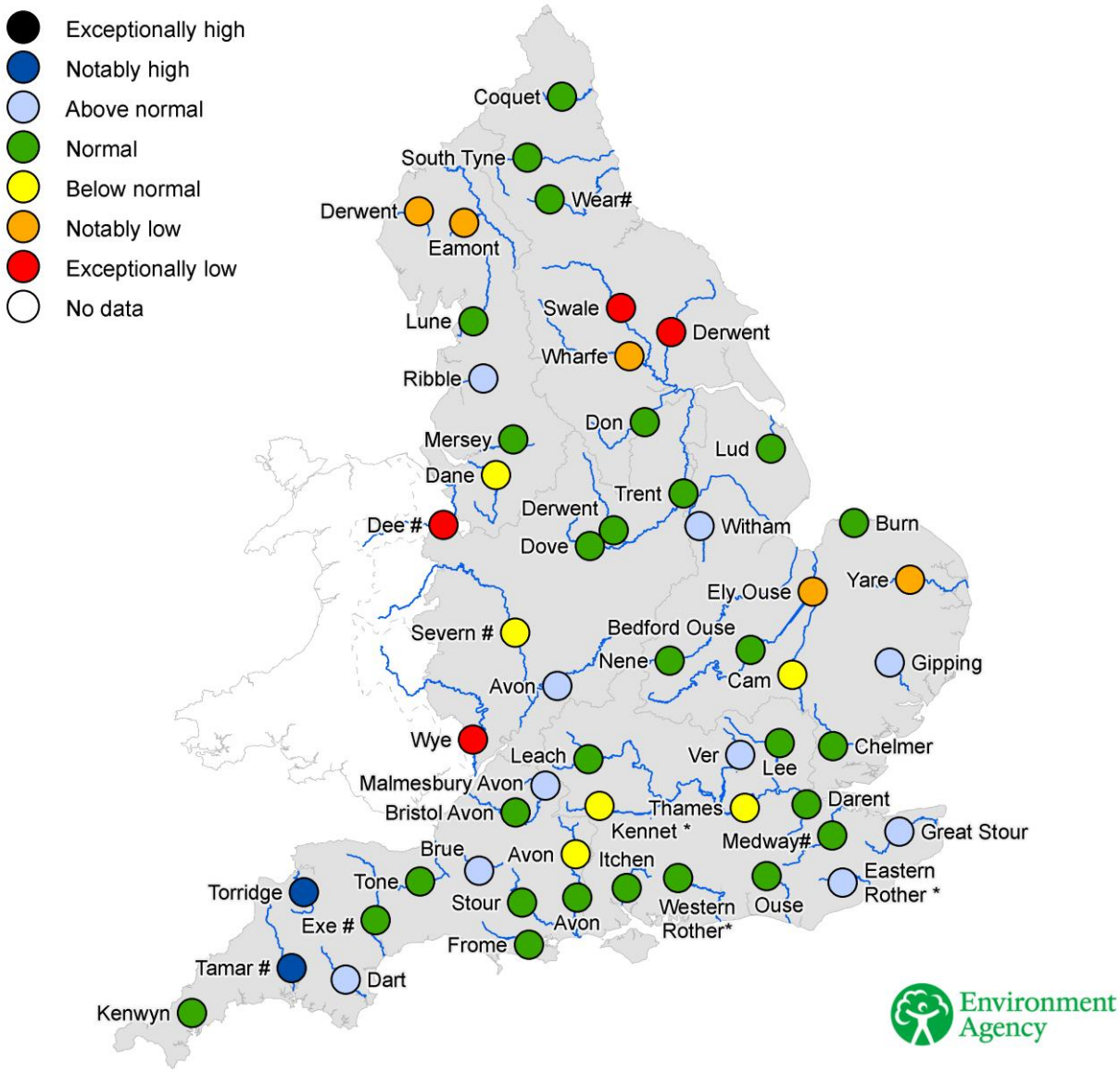
28 October to 3 November | 4 to 10 November | 11 to 17 November

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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