Weekly rainfall and river flow summary

Wednesday 18 November to Tuesday 24 November 2026

1 Summary

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1.1 Rainfall

It has been a drier week across the country with the exception of south-west England which received more rainfall than the previous week. Rainfall totals ranged from 11mm in east England to 49mm in south-west England (Table 1, Figure 2). It's been particularly wet across Devon and Cornwall (Figure 2). Rainfall totals for November to date range from 33% of the long-term average (LTA) in north-west England to 84% of the LTA in south-west England. For England as a whole, rainfall for the month to date is 61% of the LTA (Table 1).

1.2 River flows

River flows decreased at more than three-quarters of the sites that we report on. River flows were classed as normal or lower at the majority of sites with most sites being classed as below normal for the time of year. Twenty-two sites (40% of the total) were classed as below normal and a further 13 (24%) were classed as notably low. Thirteen sites (24%) were classed as normal. Four sites (7%) in south-west England, due to the rainfall, were classed as above normal or higher. Three sites (5%) were classed as exceptionally low, the River Derwent in north-east England, and the River Cam and Ely Ouse in east England. (Figure 3.1)

1.3 Outlook

Thursday will be a cold but dry day for England. On Friday outbreaks of rain are expected for many areas with the chance of hill snow across northern England. The unsettled conditions continue into Saturday with further rain and showers. Sunday is forecast to warmer with a mix of showers and sunnier spells. On Monday and Tuesday, Atlantic frontal systems will move across the country bringing the wettest conditions to western areas of England.

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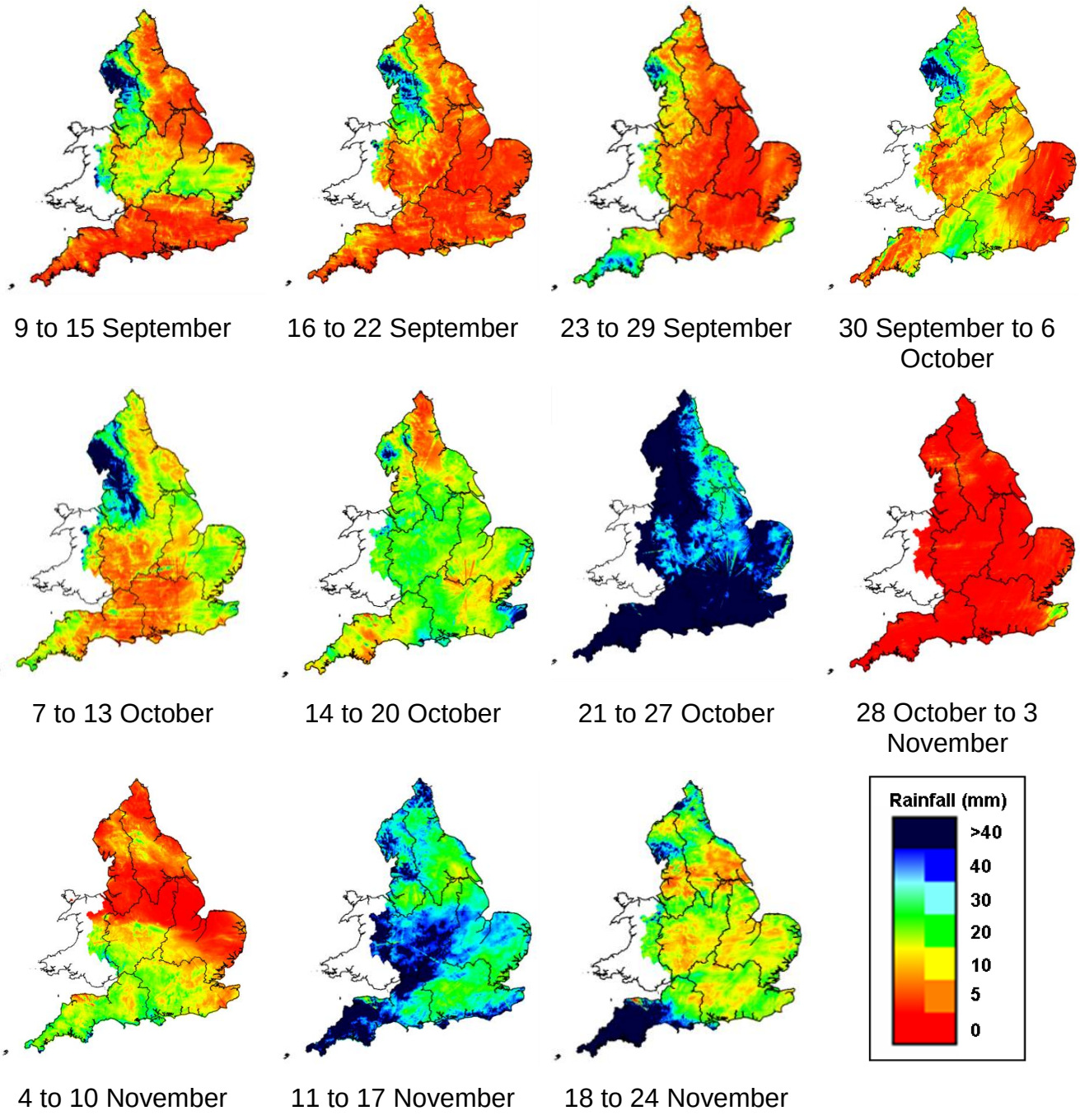
Table 1: Latest rainfall summary information (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright, 2026)

Geographic regions	18 to 24 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	14	43	33	161	122	359	103	562	93	1,336	105
north-east	13	41	45	92	108	197	84	327	75	859	97
central	12	51	69	79	102	180	88	283	73	804	105
east	11	44	71	72	113	152	86	226	67	577	91
south-east	13	54	61	101	118	168	81	267	73	732	95
south-west	49	106	84	131	110	240	85	369	76	1,161	106
England	18	56	61	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.

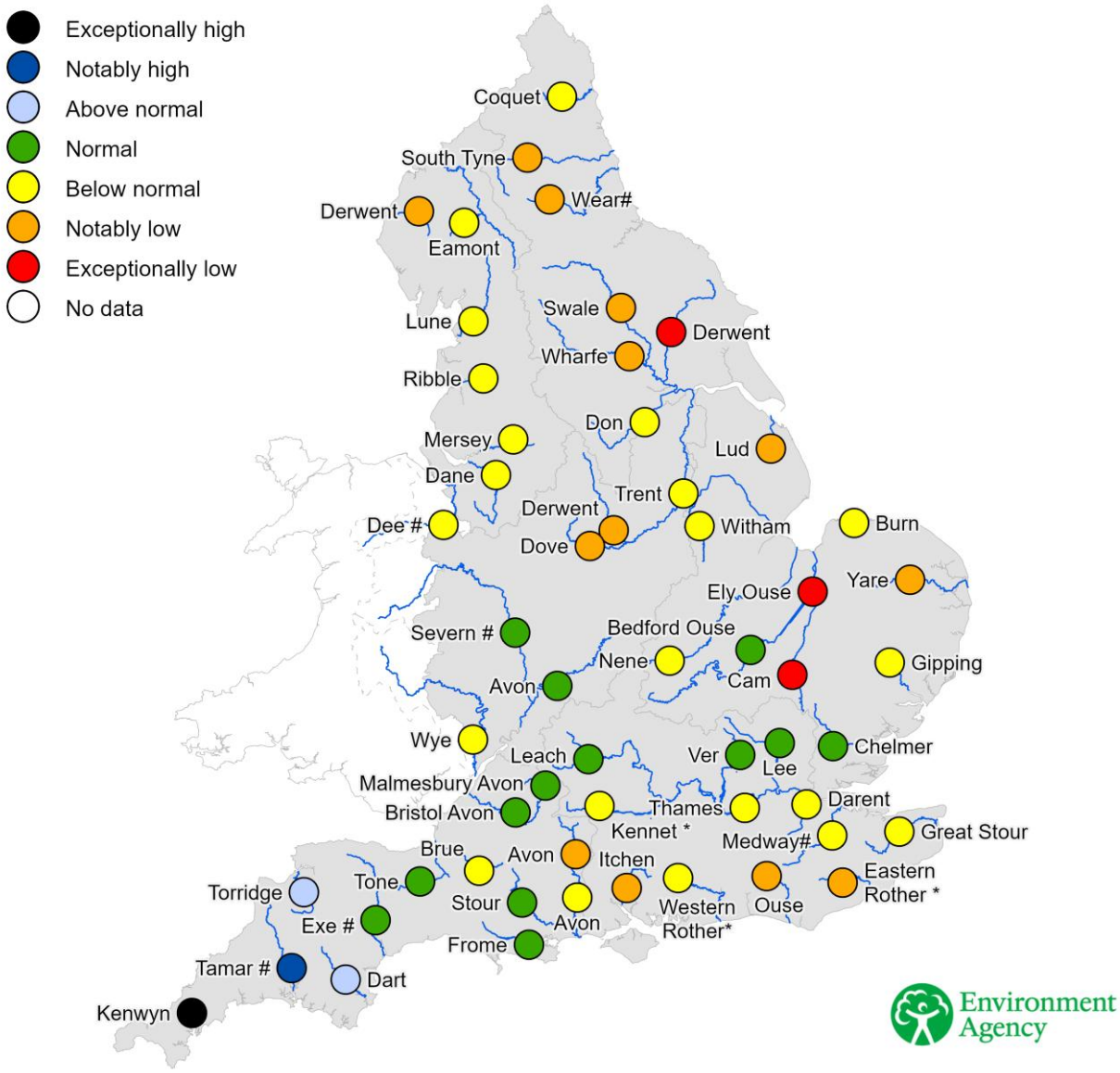


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3 River flows

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