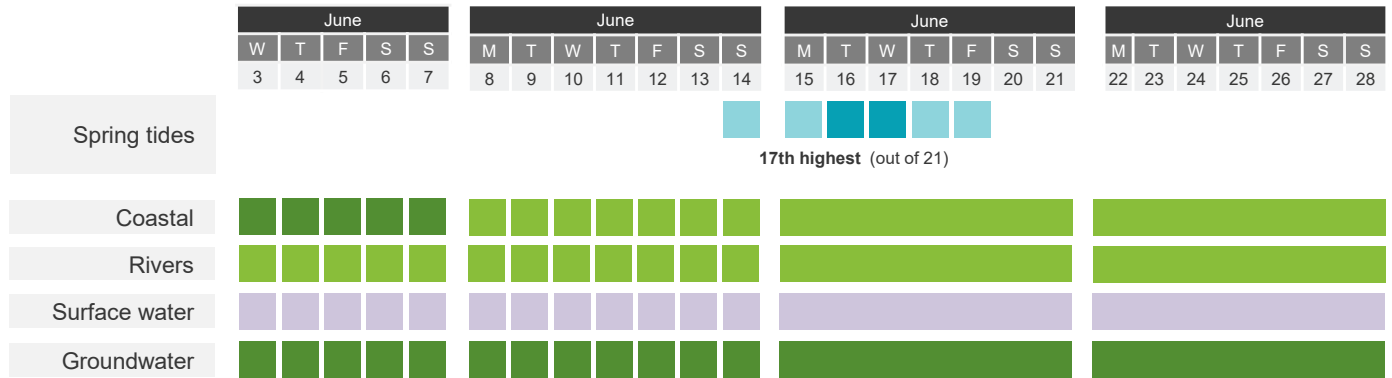


Flood Forecast for England and Wales

Significant or severe flooding is considered unlikely throughout this period. Localised surface water flooding remains possible at times.

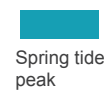
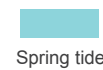


The forecast is made at a national scale to provide an overview for England and Wales.

Key



The key shows likelihood of flooding compared to a neutral situation, (which is when there is no indication of increased or reduced likelihood of flooding in the forecast)



Number shows the rank of the spring tide out of the number of notable spring tides in the calendar year

Headlines

- Significant or severe flooding is considered unlikely
- Flooding from surface water remains the highest risk, during the unsettled start to the period, then later in the month as low pressure may return
- Mid-June spring tides may coincide with an easterly wind direction

Coastal

- Mid-June spring tides may coincide with an easterly wind direction
- Localised impacts are possible during this period, but are unlikely to be beyond business as usual

Rivers and Surface Water

- River levels are expected to remain steady at normal or below-normal levels throughout
- Surface water flooding remains possible at times, with the greatest risk at the start and end of the month

Weather and Hydrological Assessment

- Changeable and unsettled conditions at first likely become more settled, with a risk of showers returning at the end of the month
- Catchment sensitivity is expected to remain low throughout, but may locally, and briefly, increase at first

Groundwater

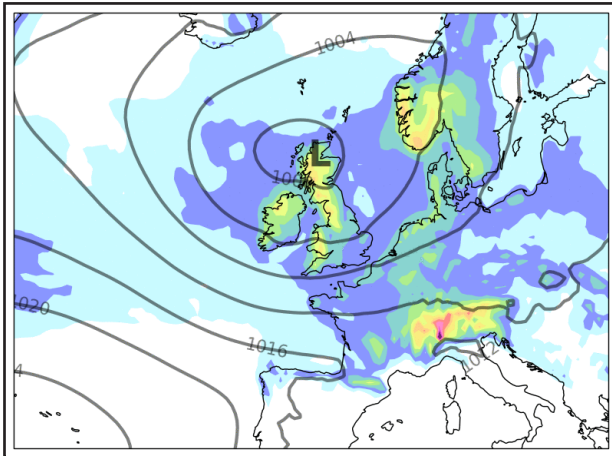
- Groundwater levels are expected to continue to fall in most areas
- Groundwater flooding impacts are not expected

Flood Forecast

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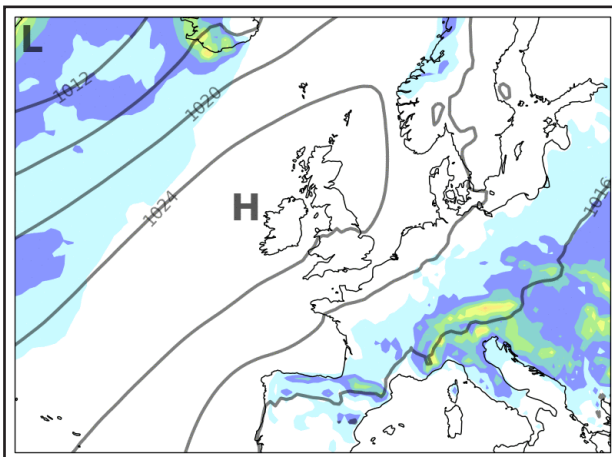
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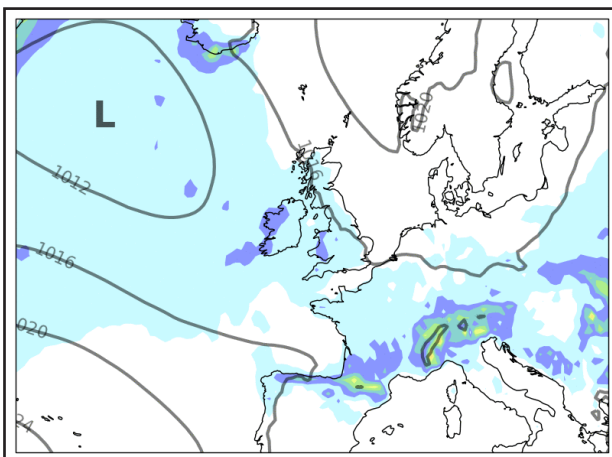
Early June

- An unsettled, westerly setup with periods of rain and showers, heavy at times
- Rain and showers are possible for all, but western areas would see the heaviest and most frequent outbreaks



Mid June

- High pressure may begin to build, bringing a return to more settled conditions
- This would bring drier weather, but nearby showers on the continent may be brought into the country depending on the exact wind direction



Late June

- The high pressure may weaken and allow for slightly more unsettled conditions to return
- Showers could become more frequent, and heavy at times, with a risk of thunderstorms

Key



- Dominant pressure pattern shown by isolines
- Filled, coloured contours show typical daily precipitation distribution (mm/day)

Met Office 3-month outlook June to August 2026

- Near average rainfall remains the most likely outcome.
- 15% chance the season will be dry. This is x0.8 the normal chance
- 60% chance the season will be near average. This is x1.0 the normal chance
- 25% chance the season will be wet. This is x1.3 the normal chance

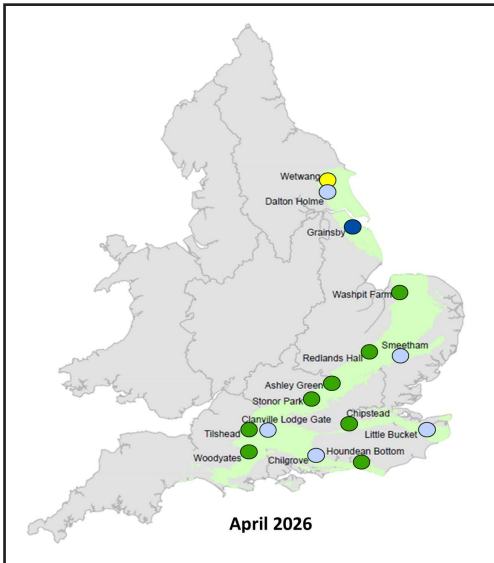
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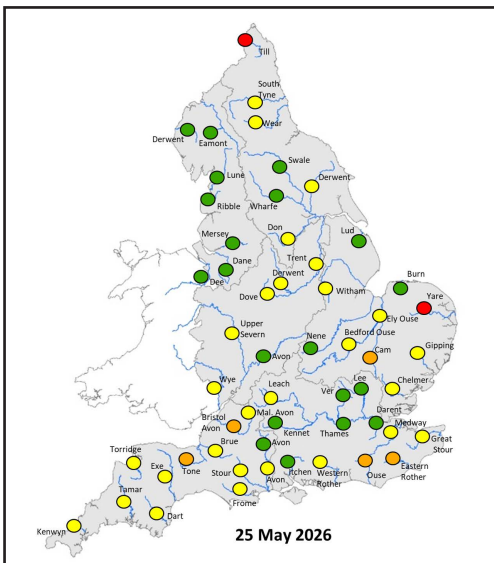
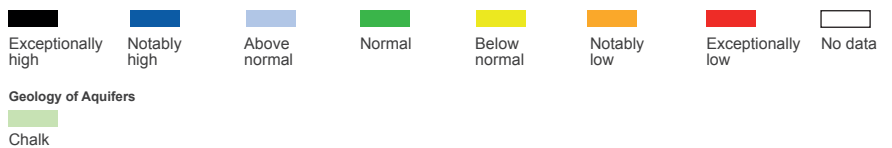


Observed groundwater levels

The map shows groundwater levels at indicator locations relative to historic levels for the month, where groundwater presents a flooding risk. For areas not shown, groundwater flood risk is very low.

- Groundwater levels during April were mainly normal
- Groundwater levels are expected to continue to fall during this period, with rainfall totals not likely to be significantly above average

Key

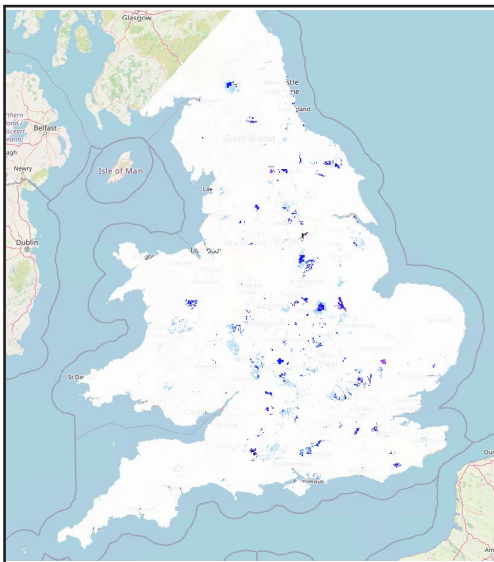
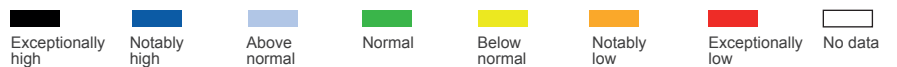


River flows

For mid-month issues the map shows monthly mean river flows for England and Wales, relative to historic means for the month. For end of month issues the map shows daily mean river flows for England only, relative to historic daily mean flows for that time of year.

- Daily mean river flows were mainly below normal to normal in the southern half of England, and mainly notably low to normal in the northern half of England
- River flows are expected to remain close to, or just below normal through this period. Showers, or brief periods of rainfall, are the most likely precipitation, with these unlikely to be prolonged enough to increase river levels

Key



Sensitivity to rainfall

The map shows sensitivity to rainfall based on the subsurface water storage relative to the historic maximum of the 2007 to 2015 monthly mean values.

- Rainfall sensitivity on 29 May was generally low, but locally higher in areas that have recently seen thunderstorms
- Sensitivity is expected to generally increase at first, due to the unsettled weather. Following this, it will likely return to generally low, away from areas that see any showers

Key



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Who is the Flood Outlook for?

The Flood Outlook is for planners who need to make decisions at a timescale of 6 to 30 days. These users are aware of the complexities of this type of outlook and will include those factors in the decision-making process.

What does the Flood Outlook show?

The Flood Outlook provides decision-makers with an overview of when an increased or reduced likelihood of flooding is forecast. The assessment is made at a national scale to provide an overview for England and Wales.

What is the difference between the Flood Outlook and the Flood Guidance Statement?

The assessments in the Flood Outlook and Flood Guidance Statement (FGS) are different. This is because at different lead times different information is available at different scales.

The Flood Outlook is a national overview product showing likelihood of flooding. It:

- gives a broad indication of coastal and inland flooding in the next 4 weeks over England and Wales, excluding the first 5 days
- uses a simpler likely/unlikely scale rather than the detailed FGS levels of likelihood
- gives an indication of possible flood impacts in the headline and summary text

The Flood Guidance Statement (FGS) is a five-day county risk-based product. It:

- shows the forecast level of flood risk for the coming 5 days for surface water, river, groundwater, and coastal flooding
- uses a detailed risk matrix approach, based on a combination of both likelihoods and impacts
- forecasts at a county and local authority scale

When is the Flood Outlook issued?

The Flood Outlook is issued twice a month, on a Friday.

What information is the Flood Outlook based on?

The Flood Outlook is based on a combination of weather and tidal forecasts, hydrological conditions and professional judgement. The confidence of the forecast is reflected in the flood likelihood given. For current river flow information please refer to the [Environment Agency](#) and [Natural Resources Wales](#)

We classify notable spring tides as when the astronomical tide level is predicted to reach 2.4m OD(N) or higher at North Shields.

Does the Flood Outlook cover the whole of the UK?

The Flood Outlook covers England and Wales. It assesses the overall conditions over England and Wales as a whole.

Can I access training on the Flood Outlook?

There are short [Flood Outlook training videos](#) available online. We can also provide webinar training to organisations on request.

Can I ask for more information on the Flood Outlook?

Yes. Contact the Flood Forecasting Centre via ffcenquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk or **0330 135 4400**

How can I receive the Flood Outlook?

You can now sign up to access the latest outlook via the Resilience Direct website at resilience.gov.uk, or alternatively via the Met Office Hazard Manager product. If you have any further queries please don't hesitate to contact us using the methods above.

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