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[Winter General Outlook – Covering December to February](#)

Our overall for the upcoming winter 2017/18 period favours some frequent blocking patterns with some twists of milder weather at times, and this will be in part due to some large movement and deviation (Zigzagging) of the Jet-Stream. However, despite our forecast expectancy for some milder interludes, we don't expect them to amount to much in terms of maximum temperature values reached. Any milder periods are therefore likely to bring near normal or slightly above-average temperature values at the very least and for the time of the year. This therefore favours a colder winter weather pattern overall and especially if we take into consideration the potential severity levels of the colder spells of weather that we can expect for the upcoming winter period as a whole.

Frequent cold weather will become stagnated across our shores and multiple snow events of a quite severe nature is likely to bring wintry scenes and snow on the ground for many, and on multiple occasions – whilst also lasting for several days in succession.

Another notable threat and feature could come from ice storms throughout the upcoming winter, and this could take many by surprise and lead to widespread power outages in among some other newsworthy outcomes from this particular scenario.

December 2017

We expect a similar month to November on current indications and for a good chunk of the month. We also expect a number of widespread snow events and notable accumulations in places. However, there is also some strong enough evidence for a temporary mild to major spell of milder weather for within this period, and we have our fingers crossed that it won't clash with the upcoming festive period and from mid-month onwards.

The above scenario will come down as to whether we can hold on to the cold air within this period to either bring

A. Snow Fest!!! And/Or

B. A significant risk for some prolonged wet and rainy weather, with the additional risk for some significant winds and localised flooding at the very least.

At present there is only roughly 2% separating scenario A and scenario B for within the December period.

On this basis we would expect more-near to below-average rainfall amounts overall, and temperatures at more-near to below-average (with some potentially large regional variations from the north to the south of the country).

❄ Potential Widespread Snow Dates – December 7th – 9th 2017

❄ Potential Widespread Snow Dates – December 16th – 19th 2017

❄ Potential Widespread Snow Dates – December 26th – 29th 2017

January 2018

January is more favourable to deliver a very mixed month overall for the UK and Ireland on current indications. There is a significant risk for frequent weather systems to push in across the Atlantic to deliver some quite wild and stormy weather at times. We also expect this period to bring some transient milder weather – although we don't expect anything significant, and more near normal values can be expected at best during these milder interludes. However, we also expect some additional stormy weather to coincide with a number of wintry blasts during January, and this is likely to deliver some widespread snow for most parts of the country, particularly, at the start, mid-month and final third of the month.

We therefore expect temperature values to hover at more-near to below-average, with near to above-average rainfall amounts overall.

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❄ Potential Widespread Snow Dates – January 19th – 21st 2018

❄ Potential Widespread Snow Dates – January 24th – 31st 2018

February 2018

Some respite will be on offer during February and in terms of further wet and stormy weather in comparison to January. However, there will also be some significant wintry blasts at times throughout February too, and in addition to earlier in the winter – there will be a risk for the beast from the east to occur and bring some of the coldest nights of the winter to date. These colder conditions will also be coupled with some occasional spells of widespread and moderate snowfalls at the very least.

We expect temperatures to feature at near to below-average overall, and these will be accompanied by a forecast for near to below-average rainfall amounts overall too.

❄️ Potential Widespread Snow Dates – February 2nd – 12th 2018

❄️ Potential Widespread Snow Dates – In and around February 13th 2018



Overall Temperatures (CET) = Below-Average



Overall Rainfall Amounts = Near to Below-Average



Overall Snowfall Amounts = Above-Average

IMPORTANT - POTENTIAL WIDESPREAD SNOW DATES

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