2025-26 UK Storm Recap Top Trumps

These Top Trumps cards provide a detailed recap of the storms that impacted the UK during the 2025/26 season.

This season saw 7 named storms, bringing everything from severe flooding and power cuts to wind gusts of nearly 100mph. It was also a year of weather extremes, with record-breaking temperatures, heatwaves and droughts affecting parts of the UK. Together, these events showed just how powerful and varied our weather can be.

These flashcards are designed to fit within the KS2 and KS3 Geography modules. Students can cut them out to compare the different storms and their impacts from the season.

Storm Amy



Date of impact: 3 - 4 October 2025

Wind Speed: 92mph (Magilligan)

Rainfall: 50-75mm northern parts of the UK

Locations worst hit: north-west Scotland, Northern Ireland and upland areas of northern and western UK

Impacts:

- Over 90,000 properties left without power – 40,000 in Scotland and 50,000 in Northern Ireland, with some outages lasting several days.
- All rail services out of Glasgow were suspended, and Northern Ireland's rail network was also closed.
- Ferry services cancelled across Scotland's west coast and on crossings to Northern Ireland.
- Several yachts were blown ashore in Argyll.

Storm Benjamin



Date of impact: 22 - 23 October 2025

Named by: Météo-France

Wind Speed: 70 mph near exposed coasts

Rainfall: 20-50 mm across parts of southern England and Wales

Locations worst hit: South-east England, East Anglia, southern England, parts of Wales

Impacts:

- Heavy rain caused some localised flooding.
- Strong winds disrupted travel across southern and eastern England.
- Coastal gusts reached around 70 mph in exposed areas.
- Some power cuts and minor property damage were reported.
- Overall impacts in the UK were fairly limited compared with later storms that season.

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Storm Claudia



Date of impact: 14 October 2025
Named by: AEMET (Spain)
Wind Speed: Strong winds
Rainfall: 119.6mm in 2 days (Tafolog, South Wales)
Locations worst hit: South Wales, Herefordshire, central England

Impacts:

- Major flooding in Monmouth led to a major incident being declared.
- More than 50 properties flooded.
- Several Severe Flood Warnings (the highest warning level) were issued.
- Around 18,000 properties were protected by flood defences.
- Parts of England and Wales received their entire average November rainfall in just six days.

Storm Bram



Date of impact: 9 - 10 December 2025
Wind Speed: 84 mph (Capel Curig, Conwy)
Rainfall: 104.7mm (Devon)
Locations worst hit: Wales, Devon, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Irish Sea coasts, northern England

Impacts:

- Widespread transport disruption affecting rail, road, ferry and air travel.
- Strong winds overturned lorries, forcing the closure of part of the M74.
- Several thousand properties lost power across England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- Flooding affected properties in Devon.
- Coastal damage included the collapse of part of West Hoe Pier in Plymouth and destruction of part of a sea wall in Carrickfergus.

Storm Goretti



Date of impact: 8 - 9 January 2026
Named by: Météo-France
Wind Speed: 99 mph (Isles of Scilly)
Rainfall: Heavy rain and snow
Locations worst hit: Cornwall, Isles of Scilly, Channel Islands, Devon, Wales, West Midlands

Impacts:

- One fatality after a tree struck a caravan in Cornwall.
- Tens of thousands of homes and businesses lost power.
- Around 15,000 properties were left without water supplies.
- Fallen trees blocked roads and suspended all rail services in Cornwall.
- Snow caused school closures and major travel disruption across Wales and the Midlands.

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Storm Chandra



Date of impact: 26 - 27 January 2026
Wind Speed: Up to 69 mph
Rainfall: 120.0 mm (County Down)
Locations worst hit: Devon, Cornwall, Dorset, Hampshire, County Down (Northern Ireland)
Impacts:

- Over 80 properties flooded across more than 30 locations in Devon.
- Severe flood warnings were issued for rivers in Devon and Dorset.
- Flooded roads and railway lines caused widespread travel disruption.
- More than 50 schools closed across Devon due to flooding impacts.
- Around 10,000 properties lost power in Northern Ireland.
- Strong winds closed schools, disrupted flights and cancelled ferry services in Northern Ireland.

Storm Dave



Date of impact: 4 - 5 April 2026
Wind Speed: 93 mph (Capel Curig)
Rainfall: 50 mm (Central Scotland)
Locations worst hit: North Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, northern England
Impacts:

- Thousands of homes lost power across Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- Fallen trees blocked major roads and disrupted rail travel.
- Ferry services were cancelled between Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- Strong winds damaged homes, including a partially collapsed house in Blackpool.
- Snow affected parts of the West Highlands, Western Isles and Argyll.
- The 93 mph gust at Capel Curig was the highest April wind gust there in 30 years.

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