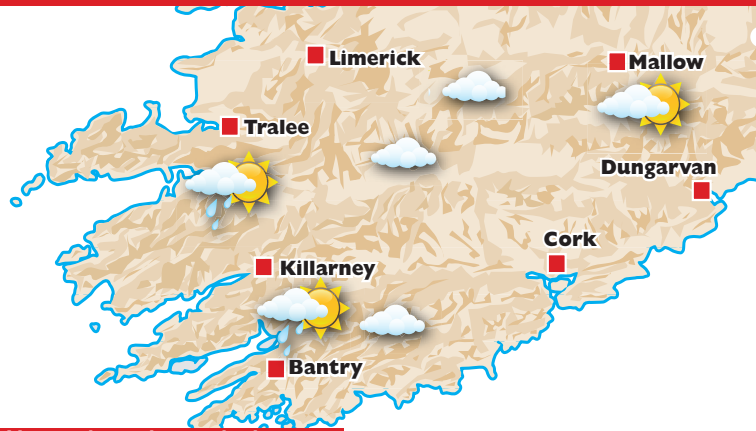


Evening Echo Weather Forecast



National weather outlook

TODAY

A few showers along the west coast initially with sunny spells in Ulster and Connacht. However, cloud will push in from the south with rain affecting all areas. The rain may be heavy and turn to snow in Leinster by evening. Moderate to fresh southerly winds. Chillier. Max temp 7-10C (45-50F).

TONIGHT

Rain will clear from Munster and Connacht but it will continue in Ulster and Leinster with heavy bursts or rain possible and even snow in places. A few showers may develop along the west coast too. Moderate westerly winds, fresher along the east coast. A colder night. Min temp 1-4C (34-39F).

TOMORROW

Rain or sleet will be slow to clear from Ulster. Mostly dry and sunny for most other areas, although scattered showers will fall on coastal areas. The showers may be accompanied by hail and thunder. Moderate south-westerly winds for many but fresh over the Ulster coast. Max temp 5-8C (41-46F).

SUN AND MOON TODAY

	rises	sets	rises	sets
Sun.....	08:05	17:12	Moon....	11:00 00:02

MOON PHASE

First Quarter
4 February



EXTREMES

Warmest	Malin Head	12C (54F)
Coldest	Knock	5C (41F)
Wettest	Valentia	0.71 inches

HIGH TIDES TODAY

	time	height	time	height
Galway	09.26	4.7m	21.57	4.5m
Limerick	11.08	5.6m	23.43	5.3m
Cobh	09.43	3.9m	22.01	3.8m
Waterford	10.19	4.5m	22.36	4.4m
Dublin	03.46	3.8m	16.05	3.9m
Belfast	03.09	3.2m	15.26	3.5m

IRELAND YESTERDAY

readings at 12noon	condition	°C	°F
Belfast.....	rain	11	52
Birr.....	showers	10	50
Cork.....	fair	10	50
Dublin.....	cloudy	11	52
Kilkenny.....	showers	11	52
Rosslare.....	cloudy	11	52
Shannon.....	showers	11	52
Valentia.....	showers	11	52

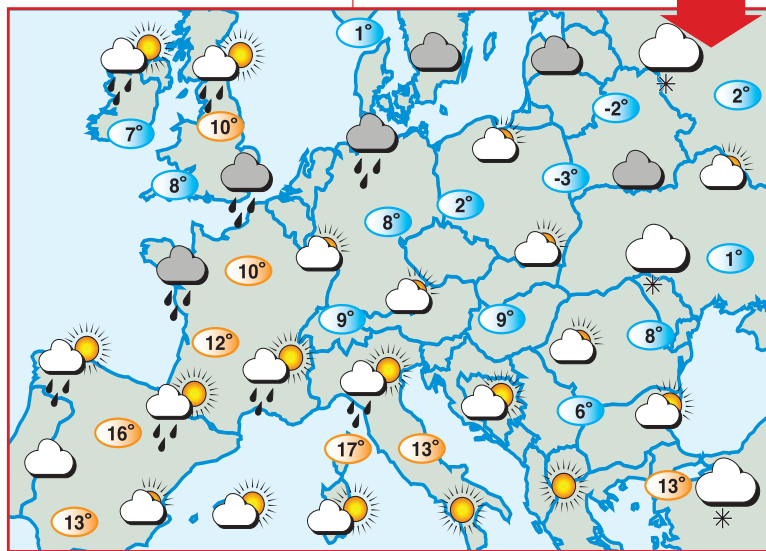
EUROPE TODAY

Unsettled and windy for much of Iberia and France with heavy rain, especially in the north and west. Sunny for south-east Spain. Sunny intervals and showers for Italy. Patchy rain in Germany. Patchy rain and some snow for central and eastern Europe. Largely cloudy in Scandinavia with snow for some.

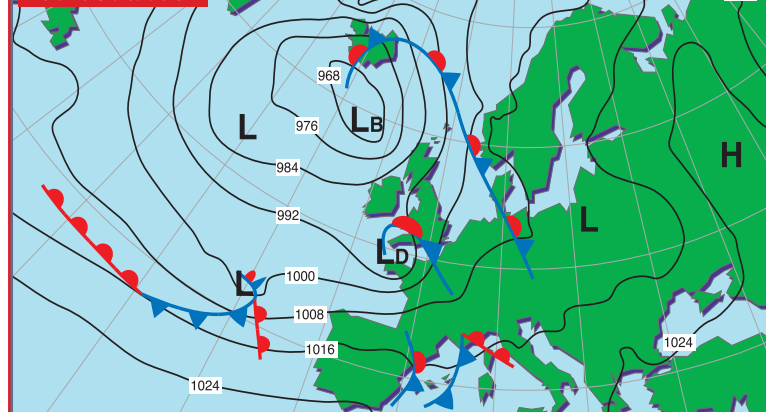
EUROPE OUTLOOK

Remaining unsettled over the outlook for Iberia and France with spells of rain, especially in the north and west. Brighter on Monday. Turning colder for central and eastern Europe with snow at times. Unsettled for Italy and the Balkans with showers and spells of rain. Snow at times in Scandinavia.

Evening Echo Holiday Hot Spots



Atlantic situation



HIGH POINT: Dillon Lynch, aged nine, at the summit of Brandon Hill, the highest point in County Kilkenny, during his challenge to climb all the highest points in Ireland's 32 counties.

Life is one big adventure for Dillon

A NINE-year-old hiker from Cork has been named one of the country's top adventurers.

■ Kelly O'Brien

Dillon Lynch from Kildorrery, which is just outside Mitchelstown, was a joint winner of the youth category at last night's prestigious Outsider of the Year Awards.

The glittering awards ceremony, organised by adventuring magazine Outsider, took place in Dublin last night.

Dillon nabbed the prize for his notable achievements in hiking and was among 16 people who were honoured in different categories.

Last year, Dillon became the youngest person to ever to complete the 32 County High Point Challenge which saw Dillon and his dad, Pat O'Brien, scale the highest peak in each county.

The boy completed the challenge over the course of 14 months, though admits he started the challenge by accident.

It all started in June 2015 when Dillon, supported by his dad Pat, his mother Gillian and his sister Rachel,

scaled Knockboy, Cork's highest point.

Next up, Dillon successfully climbed all of the highest points in Munster, then decided to keep going.

"Dillon really enjoyed getting to the end of the challenge," said Pat.

"Most of the hikes were really memorable in their own way. We saw some amazing views, especially on the timber boardwalk in Fermanagh. It's outstanding to look back at our pictures and remember where we were."

Dillon and Pat completed the challenge by setting out on weekend or during holiday periods.

Amazingly, they also found time to fundraise for local causes. The pair raised a grand total of €3,340 for the Cloyne Diocesan Youth Services in Mallow, and the Kildorrery Karate Club.

Pat said he was delighted to be able to do something so adventurous with his son and said he would encourage other parents to get their own children acquainted with the great outdoors.

Concert Orchestra to perform at City Hall

CITY HALL Cork will be visited by some of Russia's most famous orchestral works later this month when the Cork Concert Orchestra opens its 2017 series of concerts under internationally renowned guest conductor Dumitru Goia.

With Shostakovich Symphony No. 5 as its centrepiece, the concert, on Sunday February 26, will immerse listeners in Russian music, with works by Tchaikovsky and Glazunov completing the programme. The 70+ strong full orchestra formed just over two years ago. This concert continues the orchestra's aim to bring world-renowned conductors to Cork.

Since its formation, the Cork Concert Orchestras has been busy presenting challenging and high-quality programmes, while also helping raise almost €55,000 for local causes and charities. This concert will also see the Irish debut of Violin soloist Diana Jipa. Diana made her concert debut at the age of 10 and has since performed throughout Europe.

Tickets cost €15 downstairs and €25 balcony and are available on-line at www.eventbrite.ie.



Diana Jipa: Who will make her Cork debut on Sunday, February 26.