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Latest snow forecast

Updated: 12.40pm Tuesday 13 December 2016

High pressure will continue to influence the weather in the Alps this week, which means that most areas will see plenty of sunshine (above any areas of low-lying cloud).

Although there are some hints of a breakdown in the weather from the south later this weekend and into next week, the very latest charts are starting to back track on this idea, so we will have to wait a day or two before the medium term outlook becomes clearer.

At this stage, however, it does look unlikely that we will see wide spread significant snow in the Alps before Christmas...

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Wednesday will be mostly dry with variable cloud and just a few showers in the extreme north-eastern Austrian Alps (snow 1000m). The western and southern Austrian Alps will remain largely clear.

Thursday and **Friday** will be dry with plenty of sunshine in the mountains. Freezing levels will vary from about 1400m to 2100m from east to west.



Sunny again in the Austrian Vorarlberg. This is Damüls – 13 December 2016 – Photo: damuels.at

France

Wednesday, Thursday and **Friday** will be dry with plenty of sunshine in the mountains although some parts of the southern Alps may see a little more in the way of cloud on Friday. Freezing levels will generally sit between 1800m and 2400m, generally lowest later in the week and in the south.

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Italy

Wednesday, **Thursday** and **Friday** will be dry with almost unbroken sunshine in the mountains and freezing levels between 1600m and 2400m (coolest in the east).



Great snow and weather conditions in Sestriere – 13 December 2016 – Photo: vialattea.it

Switzerland

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Wednesday}, Thursday and Friday will be dry with lots of sunshine at altitude and freezing levels typically between 1800m and 2400m. \end{tabular}$



Clear blue skies in the Engadin. This is Scuol – 13 December 2016 – Photo: scuol.ch

Outlook:

The weekend will start mostly dry and sunny. There is the possibility of some snow later on **Sunday** in the far south-western Alps (e.g. Isola 2000), but there is still lots of uncertainty on this right now.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 16 December 2016, but see $\underline{\text{Today in the Alps}}$ for daily updates

