

## **UK weather forecast - Easter Sunday in Midlands hotter than California as Brits sizzle with tempera**

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### ***Siobhan has a paddle in Leigh-on-Sea in Essex as Brits make the most of an Easter heatwave with temperatures set to hit 25C***

BRITAIN is set to bake on its hottest ever Easter Sunday with temperatures beating Malibu beaches.

Places such as pottery capital Stoke-on-Trent will bask in sunshine as warm air from Greece pushes in.

### ***Natasha Jenkins enjoys the warm weather in Swansea's Botanical Gardens as forecasters predict temperatures could beat Malibu***

### ***Lads enjoy Easter holiday kickabout in Stoke's Hanley Park ahead of Easter heatwave***

The Midlands city could hit 25C while southern California will peak at a moderate 19C.

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But temperatures won't quite match the hottest ever Easter weekend of 29.4C on the Saturday in 1949.

This week sun worshippers across Britain have been enjoying a warm spell, including Siobhan Graves, 25, in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. Average April temperatures are 11.4C.

But changes to the Jet Stream, which usually brings weather in from the west, means Britain will boil.

The hottest day of the year of February 26's 21.2C at Kew, London will also be smashed this weekend.

### ***Weather forecast for Easter weekend - This chart shows the temperature at midday on Saturday, where incredible highs of up to 25C are forecast the day after.***

## **POTTERIES HOTTER THAN CALIFORNIA**

Supermarkets are bracing for a BBQ food rush. Asda is expecting to sell close to 750,000 burgers and 350,000 sausages. Sainsbury's is set to see ice lolly sales quadruple.

But day-trippers will clog roads, with traffic jams due on coastal routes including the A23 to Brighton, A31 to Dorset, A30

to Cornwall and M55 to Blackpool.

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***Natasha Jenkins stuns in a bikini as she enjoys the warm weather at Bracelet Bay near Swansea***

***Holidaymakers make the most of the Easter heatwave and dive into a Lido in Sheffield***

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***A farmer harvests tulips in sunny King's Lynn in Norfolk***

***Crowds of holidaymakers flock to Lyme Regis in Dorset ahead of record-breaking weekend temperatures***

***Couple bask in the Easter sunshine in Aberystwyth in Wales***

Met Office forecaster Richard Miles said: "It's very likely the record for hottest-ever Easter Sunday will be broken this year.

"In fact, we're in for a very fine bank holiday thanks to an area of high pressure sitting right above us.

"The high pressure and clear skies will allow the sun to heat the ground and atmosphere. It will warm up consistently until that pressure system moves.

"Temperatures will be way above average. At the moment, it looks like we'll have this nice weather until at least Wednesday."

***Weather forecast for Easter weekend - Sunny weather will mainly be seen in England and Wales on Saturday, but spells of sunshine will be enjoyed across the country at points through the weekend***

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***The reddish hue of this map shows where temperatures in the mid-20s are forecast on Saturday***

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***Even a small lamb gets into the Easter spirit and bounds outside in the sunshine***

- The Sun