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The 2026–27 names, and Shaun the Sheep

A jointly selected list, announced with family tributes, that also includes a cartoon sheep.

The official announcement of the 2026–27 names is headed "From family tributes to Shaun the Sheep." The names are selected jointly by the Met Office, Met Éireann and KNMI. A new list is published each September, and runs from early September to late August the following year. Shaun is a Met Office name, sitting between Ruban and Theo.

Name	Put on the list by	Official notes
Austen	Met Éireann	Named 20 October 2026; date of impact 23 October 2026.
Boelo	KNMI	Pronounced Boo-loh. Named 22 October 2026; date of impact 24–25 October 2026.
Chloe	Met Office	On the list, awaiting a turn.
Dano	KNMI	Pronounced Dah-noh.
Evelyn	Met Éireann	
Finn	Met Office	
Gwendolyn	KNMI	Pronounced Gwen-duh-lin.
Heather	Met Éireann	
Ivy	Met Office	
Jade	KNMI	
Kilian	Met Éireann	
Laoise	Met Éireann	Pronounced Lee-sha.
Miriam	Met Éireann	
Nicola	Met Office	
Olaf	KNMI	
Phelim	Met Éireann	Pronounced Fay-lim.
Ruban	Met Office	
Shaun	Met Office	The official announcement names Shaun the Sheep in its headline.
Theo	Met Office	
Vesna	KNMI	Pronounced Vehs-nuh.
Wende	KNMI	Pronounced Vhen-duh. The list ends here.

To stay in line with National Hurricane Center conventions, names beginning with Q, U, X, Y and Z are not included. There is no Storm Quentin, and no Storm Ursula, on this list.

The letters you will not find

Write the five letters that never appear on the western-group list, then check the footnote.

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Sources, checked 17 November 2026: the Met Office announcement "From family tributes to Shaun the Sheep," official storm names for 2026/27, and the UK Storm Centre. "Put on the list by" is the service named on the official announcement; when a storm is later named, any one of the three services may take the next name in alphabetical order. Dates already used come from the UK Storm Centre table checked on 17 November 2026. The missing letters are Q, U, X, Y and Z. This typographic sheet has no photographs. named.storms.im is independent of the official services.

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