

## S1 April Fools' Day

- April Fools' Day (also known as All Fools' Day) is a day of the year when people play practical jokes or pranks on each other.
- It is typically celebrated on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Although it is not an official holiday, it is celebrated in many countries all over the world.
- No one knows for sure how April Fools' Day was started, but a popular idea is that it originated in France when the calendar was changed in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, moving the start of the year from the end of March to the start of January. Some people did not like the change and wanted to keep the calendar the old way, so people played jokes on these people.
- It is common for the prankster to say "April Fool" to the recipient of the prank to reveal that they have been fooled.
- In France, April Fools' Day is called Poisson d'Avril (April Fish). It is common for children to stick paper fish on their friends' backs and shout out "Poisson d'Avril" when their friends find it.
- In Portugal, people celebrate this day by throwing flour in their friends' faces.
- In some countries, people play pranks on their friends all day. In others, such as England, people usually only play pranks in the morning until midday (12pm).
- In many Spanish speaking countries, it is celebrated at the end of December.