

Le 1er avril - Poisson d'avril

Watch the video(s) to explain the tradition of Poisson d'avril on 1st April.

In English <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhVCTkpVX2Y&safe=true>

In French <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-Oy0m7MQsE&t=55s&safe=true>

See if you can follow it. You might not understand everything they say but you will get the gist. Listen out for key words (le premier avril, poisson) and the images will help.



The French celebrate April Fool's day by putting a paper fish on someone's back.

Why a fish??
Theory 2: Fish are dumb and easy to catch!



In French, April Fool's day is called "Poisson d'avril" which means "April fish".



April Fool's day was created in France.

When King Charles IX of France changed New Year's day from April 1 to January 1, people who still observed the old calendar were known as "April Fools".



Why a fish??
Theory 1: The sun leaves the zodiac sign of pisces (the fish) during April.

Why a fish??
Theory 3: Many religions give up meat during Lent and only eat fish.



Les Poissons d'avril

