

April Fools' Day is a day of fun and laughter, celebrated around the world on 1st April. This day is full of pranks, jokes, and surprises. It's a day to show off your creativity and sense of humour. Whether you choose to prank someone or simply watch others have a good laugh, April Fools' Day is a perfect excuse to let loose and have a good time.



YOU ARE MEANT TO STOP THE APRIL FOOLS JOKES AT 12PM!

The April Fools rules have been in place since the 1700s! You should only be doing April Fools jokes until 12pm.

Ancient Romans had a holiday called Hilaria which was very similar to April Fools' Day!

This is when they played jokes on each other.



IN FRANCE THEY CALL IT POISSON D'AVRIL.

In France they have a tradition where they stick a paper fish on each others backs. They then shout "Poisson d'Avril" once it has been discovered! It translates to 'April Fish'.

Some historians believe that April Fools' Day started in 1582. During this year, France switched to a different calendar. This meant that the start of their year used to be around 1st April, however it changed to 1st January, like it is today. Some people accidentally celebrated new year in April and were called 'April fools'!

Lots of companies, radios and TV channels make April Fools jokes! On April Fools day, lots of companies like to get involved! There are always lots of articles posted which are there to trick.

One of the best April Fools jokes was in 1957 when a man called Richard Dimbleby said that spaghetti was growing from trees! This was on a BBC programme. People actually believed it and even phoned up to ask how they could grow their own!



BBC news once convinced thousands of viewers spaghetti grew on trees. A 1957 April Fools' prank showed farmers harvesting pasta. When viewers asked how to grow their own, the BBC told them to plant a sprig in tomatoe sauce

On 8 December 2005, the UN General Assembly declared that 4 April of each year shall be observed as the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action.



The International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is observed to raise awareness about the dangers of landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW)



Landmines kill two people every hour of every day.
-United Nations



25 percent of landmine victims are children.
-Landmine Survivors Network



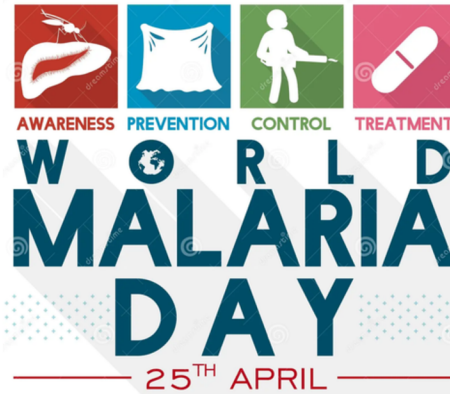
It is estimated that it will take 450 years to clear the world of undetected landmines.
-BusinessWeek Online



For over 20 years, the work of the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) works to save lives, to facilitate deployment of UN missions and the delivery of humanitarian assistance, to protect civilians, to support the voluntary return of the internally displaced and refugees, to enable humanitarian and recovery activities and to advocate for international humanitarian and human rights law.



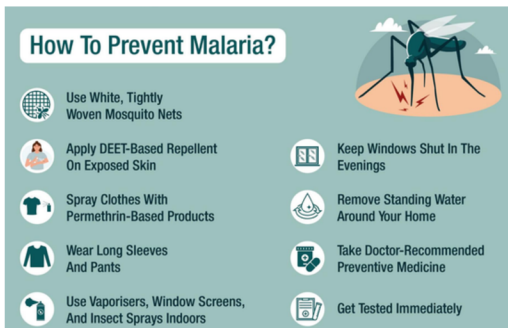
World Malaria Day is an international observance commemorated every year on 25 April to raise awareness and highlight the global efforts against malaria.



Malaria is a serious, life-threatening disease caused by parasites transmitted through the bites of infected female *Anopheles* mosquitoes



Year 2026 theme is "Driven to end malaria: Now we can. Now we must"



India has achieved a dramatic reduction in malaria, with cases dropping from roughly 33 million in 1990 to under 2 million annually, aiming for elimination by 2030.

In 2024, there were an estimated 282 million malaria cases and 610,000 deaths in 80 countries. The WHO African Region accounts for approximately 95% of both cases and deaths.

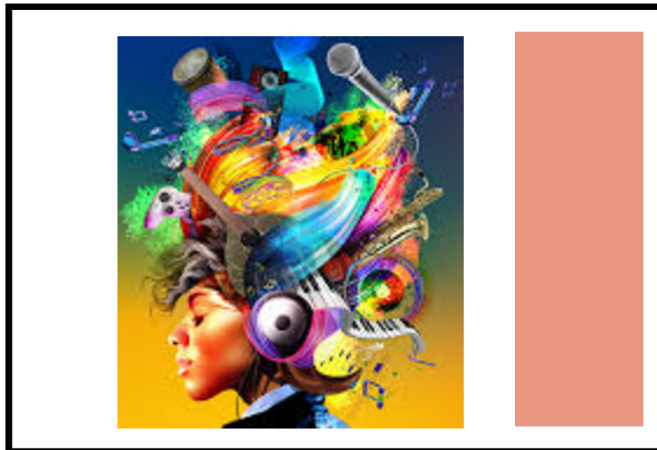


World Intellectual Property Day is observed annually on 26 April.



The event was established by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2000 to "raise awareness of how patents, copyright, trademarks and designs impact on daily life" and "to celebrate creativity, and the contribution made by creators and innovators to the development of economies and societies across the globe".

The concept of IP is old, with the first known protection dating back to 500 B.C.E. in the Greek colony of Sybaris, where chefs received year-long monopolies for unique dishes.

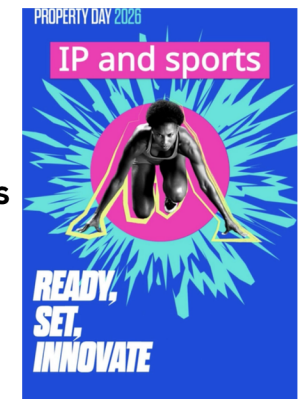


Each year has a dedicated theme focusing on different aspects of creativity, such as "IP and Sports" (2019), "Green Innovation" (2009), or "Music and IP" (2025).

"Treat borrowed ideas as borrowed ideas; for making them yours makes you a thief."
— Michael Bassey Johnson, Sips And Little Portions



The four pillars of intellectual property law consist of copyrights, trademarks, patents and trade secrets. The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has announced the theme for World Intellectual Property Day 2026 (April 26) as "IP and Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate". This theme highlights how intellectual property (patents, trademarks,, and copyright) drives innovation, technology, and branding in the sports industry, from cutting-edge equipment to global broadcasting



In November 2011, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) officially designated April 30 as International Jazz Day in order to highlight jazz and its diplomatic role of uniting people in all corners of the globe.



This international art form is recognized for promoting peace, dialogue among cultures, diversity, and respect for human rights and human dignity; eradicating discrimination; fostering gender equality; and promoting freedom of expression.

jazz started out as pop. It was one of the most popular genres in 1920s America. It was created from a fusion of ragtime, European chamber elements, marching band music, and the blues.

Year 2026 themes include "Music Moves the Goals!"



At the All-Star Global Concert 2025 in Abu Dhabi, UNESCO officials announced that Herbie Hancock's hometown of Chicago, USA will host the 15th anniversary International Jazz Day celebration in 2026.

