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CALENDAR · 2026

*Twelve months. Twelve truths.
Week numbers, public holidays, and zero regrets.*

Companion to THE FUCKING FRENCH YEAR

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Janvier

We resolve to change. We don't.

Every French person makes resolutions. Every French person breaks them by January 3rd. Nobody considers this a failure. It is simply how January works.



LE MOT DU MOIS

La fève

The small ceramic charm hidden in the galette des rois. Find it, and you wear a paper crown for the day. Civilisational stakes.

JOURS FÉRIÉS

1er — Jour de l'An

Sem.	L	M	M	J	V	S	D
1				1	2	3	4
2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
4	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
5	26	27	28	29	30	31	

Février

We pretend not to care.

We call Valentine's Day an American invention while booking a table three weeks in advance, just in case. This is not hypocrisy. This is nuance.



LE MOT DU MOIS

Le Carnaval

An excuse to wear elaborate costumes and ignore the actual point of Lent. Seven hundred years running.

Sem.	L	M	M	J	V	S	D
5							1
6	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9	23	24	25	26	27	28	

Mars

The trains may or may not run.

La grève de printemps. Not a single event, but a season, a recurring climate pattern as predictable as rainfall.



LE MOT DU MOIS

La grève

Strike. Not chaos — choreography. One of the few methods that has historically, reliably, produced results.

Sem.	L	M	M	J	V	S	D
9							1
10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
12	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
13	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
14	30	31					

Avril

A 45-year-old tapes a paper fish to his boss.

Discovered hours later, both parties laugh as though this is the funniest thing that has happened all year. In many offices, it is.



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Poisson d'avril

April Fools, French style. A paper fish taped to an unsuspecting back. Executed with real dedication.

JOURS FÉRIÉS

6 — Lundi de Pâques

Sem.	L	M	M	J	V	S	D
14			1	2	3	4	5
15	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
16	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
17	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
18	27	28	29	30			

Mai

The most inefficient month, and the best.

Between four public holidays, France converts a single day off into a five-day absence from productivity. Nobody apologizes.



LE MOT DU MOIS

Le pont

The bridge. Taking the one working day between a holiday and the weekend off too. A national art form.

JOURS FÉRIÉS

- 1er — Fête du Travail
- 8 — Victoire 1945
- 14 — Ascension
- 25 — Lundi de Pentecôte

Sem.	L	M	M	J	V	S	D
18					1	2	3
19	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
22	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Juin

Six weeks of slow national collapse.

Newspapers print the bac philosophy paper the next morning so the entire population can attempt it over breakfast.



LE MOT DU MOIS

Le bac

The baccalauréat. Treated with the gravity of a national referendum. It was never harder back then.

Sem.	L	M	M	J	V	S	D
23	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
25	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	29	30					

Juillet

One morning of genuine patriotism.

France remembers it is France, applauds the jets overhead, and feels, briefly, unified. By July 15th, normal service resumes.



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Le 14 Juillet

Bastille Day. The one day a year complaining is paused for a military parade.

JOURS FÉRIÉS

14 — Fête Nationale

Sem.	L	M	M	J	V	S	D
27			1	2	3	4	5
28	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
29	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
30	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
31	27	28	29	30	31		

Août

The country closes. Literally.

Bakeries hang handwritten signs: fermeture annuelle. Try to schedule an important meeting. You cannot. Nobody can.



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Fermeture annuelle

Annual closure. Unofficial but absolute. Observed nationwide with more consistency than any law.

JOURS FÉRIÉS

15 — Assomption

Sem.	L	M	M	J	V	S	D
31						1	2
32	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
33	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
34	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
35	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
36	31						

Septembre

The real new year.

January 1st is a sentimental fiction. La rentrée is when resolutions are actually made, when new notebooks are bought with genuine optimism.



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La rentrée

The real new year. When France exhales after August and says: bon, on reprend.

Sem.	L	M	M	J	V	S	D
36		1	2	3	4	5	6
37	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
38	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
39	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
40	28	29	30				

Octobre

The strikes return, better rested.

Cooler weather, renewed energy, and a government that has inevitably proposed something requiring immediate, visible objection.



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Le chauffage

The heating. Switched on only after a grandmother visits and declares the apartment glacial.

Sem.	L	M	M	J	V	S	D
40				1	2	3	4
41	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
42	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
43	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
44	26	27	28	29	30	31	

Novembre

A mediocre wine, celebrated anyway.

The wine is, by any objective measure, unremarkable. The celebration was never really about the wine.



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Beaujolais Nouveau

A young, unremarkable wine, celebrated as if it weren't. The banner reads: *il est arrivé*.

JOURS FÉRIÉS

- 1er — Toussaint
- 11 — Armistice 1918

Sem.	L	M	M	J	V	S	D
44							1
45	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
46	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
47	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
48	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
49	30						

Décembre

Family, food, and one devastating remark.

One uncle with loud political opinions, one aunt relitigating an old disagreement, one grandmother ending it all while passing the cheese.



LE MOT DU MOIS

Le réveillon

Christmas Eve dinner. Planned with the precision of a military campaign. Foie gras included.

JOURS FÉRIÉS

25 — Noël

Sem.	L	M	M	J	V	S	D
49		1	2	3	4	5	6
50	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
51	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
52	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
53	28	29	30	31			