

# Japanese Festivals

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# Agenda

## ☐ Spring

- Children's Day

## ☐ Summer

- *Tanabata*

## ☐ Autumn

- *Otsukimi*
- *Shichi-go-san*

## ☐ Winter

- Japanese New Year

# Spring: Children's Day ~Boy's Day~ ①

Date

5th May

Purpose

1. Respect children's personality
2. Wish children's happiness
3. Appreciate mothers



# Spring: Children's Day ~Boy's Day~ ②

## Carp streamers

Display it hoping children will grow up healthy and strong.

for household



Father

Mother

Children

# Spring: Children's Day ~Boy's Day~ ③

## ***Kazari-kabuto***

Display a samurai armor and a helmet miniatures.  
It represents wishes to raise strong and powerful.



## ***Kashiwa-mochi***

Rice cakes and sweet red bean paste with wrapped Kashiwa oak leaf.



# Summer: Tanabata (Festival of the Weaver)①

Date 7th July

What's day ?

*Orihime* and *Hikoboshi* meet once a year across the Milky Way.

Origin,Mean

Chinese

Pray to the stars for the meeting of *Orihime* and *Hikoboshi* and for the improvement of poetry and sewing



# Summer: Tanabata (Festival of the Weaver)②

## What do we do?

Write your wish on a strip of paper and hang them on bamboo branches



## Why do we write our wishes on paper?

In the old days, paper was a luxury item in Japan, so people used it to write important things on paper.



# Autumn: *Otsukimi*

Date

Around September

What do we do?

- View the moon
  - Eat *otsukimi* dango (rice dumpling)
- ☆ Be said there is rabbit in the moon





# Autumn: *Shichi-go-san*

Date 15th November

What's day?

Celebrate the growth of children  
boys aged: 3 and 5  
girls aged: 3 and 7

What do we do?

dress up in kimono, dresses, suits



# Winter: Japanese New Year①

## Date

**1st January**

**『24th December~5th December←Holidays』**

## Background of the festival

- **Japanese celebrate New year according to Greogorian calendar**
- **Celebrated new year according to the Tenpo calendar till 1872**



# Winter: Japanese New Year②

## Traditional Food for New Year

### ❑ Soba

Eat soba  
at new year eve  
in order to pray  
for a long  
healthy life  
→Came from  
the look of soba;  
long and thin



# Winter: Japanese New Year③

## Traditional Food for New Year

- ❑ **Osechi**  
Eat a variety of food at the 1st of January called Gantan in Japanese  
  
→for celebrating the New Year



# Winter: Japanese New Year④

## Traditional Food for New Year

### ❏ Ozouni

a kind of soup that consists of various kinds of vegetables、rice cake called mochi in Japanese  
→to welcome the God of New Year





# Winter: Japanese New Year⑤

## Customs of Japanese New Year

### ❑ Shimekazari

decorate with a bundle of flower  
→a landmark to welcome the God



# Winter: Japanese New Year⑥

## Customs of Japanese New Year

- ❑ **Hatsumode**  
**the first shrine visit**  
→to wish for a happy and healthy coming year



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# Winter: Japanese New Year⑦

## Other Customs

- ❑ Seeing the first sunrise of the year  
Hatsuhinode
- ❑ Sending the postcards to friends and coworkers
- ❑ Giving pocket money to the younger



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for listening!**