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Chinese New Year: All the information

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Performers and acrobats, flying dragons and dancing lions helped millions all over the world celebrate the start of the Chinese New Year. **(paragraph 1)**



[London](#) held the largest celebrations outside of Asia. Liverpool's Chinese New Year celebrations took place in Europe's oldest Chinatown. Manchester's dragon parade included a 53m long dragon, together with a lion and ribbon dancers. Up to 30,000 people attended the events in Birmingham. **(paragraph 2)**

Chinese New Year started on Tuesday, 1st February 2022. The reason the New Year falls at this time is that it marks the start of [a new moon](#). This is different to the calendar we usually use, which always starts on 1st January. Because it depends on the moon, the date of the Chinese New Year changes each year, but it always falls some time between 21st January and 20th February. Next year, the New Year will begin on Sunday, 22nd January, so the celebrations will be slightly earlier than they are this year. **(paragraph 3)**

Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is the most important celebration in the Chinese calendar. In Chinese tradition, each year is named after one of twelve animals in the Chinese zodiac: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig. Therefore, each animal will have a year dedicated to it once every twelve years. 2021 was the year of the Ox and 2022 is the year of the Tiger. The next time it will be the year of the Tiger again, will be 2034, twelve years after 2022. **(paragraph 4)**





In Chinese culture, rats were seen as a sign of wealth. The Rat is the first of all zodiac animals. According to one myth, the Emperor declared that the order would be determined by how the animals fared in a race. The cunning Rat tricked the kindly Ox into giving him a ride. Then, just as they arrived at the finish line, Rat jumped down and landed ahead of Ox, placing first. (paragraph 5)

Before the festivities begin, Chinese people clean their homes really well. Then, on New Year's Day, it is traditionally forbidden to pick up a broom, in case all the good luck is swept out of the door! (paragraph 6)

In China, schools and businesses close for the first few days of the New Year, so that everyone can spend time with their families. People enjoy eating delicious food. Noodle soup is especially popular because people believe it brings good luck. Adults give [red envelopes](#) to children with money inside. (paragraph 7)



There will be parades and performances, with people dressed in traditional clothes. Fireworks are also set off, because it is thought that noise and lights will scare away any evil spirits. The festivities continue for a fortnight, closing with a special lantern festival, which signals the end of the New Year celebration period. This is a celebration which is not to be missed! (paragraph 8)



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