

## My first day of Chinese New Year

Thursday 5th February, 2026 (Sunny)

Dear Diary,

Today was a fun and tiring day because it was the first day of the Lunar New Year! In the morning, I helped my family to clean the house to sweep away bad luck. Afterwards, I greeted my grandparents with "Kung Hei Fat Choy" and also received red packets, which symbolise blessings and good fortune.

At lunch, we enjoyed a big table of traditional dishes. My favourite one was the water chestnut cake, which was sweet, soft and chewy. My mum explained that it symbolizes smoothness and good fortune in the year ahead. We also ate the taro cake, which represents rising prosperity. Honestly, all the food was scrummy and each dish carries its own meaning for luck and prosperity. Later in the afternoon, I helped hang red couplets and some fai chun around the living room. It made the house full of energy.

In the evening, we went outside to watch the fireworks. The bright colours filled the sky, which made everyone cheer loudly. From that moment, I have realised how special it is to celebrate the New Year with our family and relatives.

In summary, today was meaningful and fun. I love spending time with my family. Celebrating this tradition makes me feel proud of my culture and I will never forget about this day.