

Setsubun means "division of seasons" (especially winter and spring) February 3 is the last day of winter (according to the lunar calendar). On this day, Setsubun is celebrated at many shrines and temples to avoid misfortune & welcome Spring.

Setsubun Festival Rituals & Events

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Oniwa soto!
(Demons out!)
Fukuwa-uchi!
(Good luck in!)

Palace	Schedule	Access from JR Kyoto Station
Iwashimizu Hachimangu Shrine 石清水八幡宮	Jan 28 13:00-13:30 Oniyarai Demon Dance (No bean throwing this year)	JR Nara line to Tofukuji Sta. and change to Keihan Railway to "Iwashimizu-hachimangu" Sta.
Yoshida Shrine 吉田神社	Feb 2 Oniyarai Demon Dance (schedule is undisclosed to avoid congestion) Feb 3 Karo-sai, fire burning ritual (schedule is undisclosed) *on those two days hundreds of food and fun stalls line in the shrine	City Bus #206 (Bus Stop D2) to "Kyodai Seimon-mae" bus stop
Yasaka Shrine 八坂神社	Feb 2 13:00 & 15:00 Maiko Dance and Bean throwing 14:00 Bugaku Court Dance and Bean throwing Feb 3 11:00 Imayo Song & Dance and Bean throwing 13:00 & 15:00 Maiko Dance and Bean throwing	City Bus #206 (Bus Stop D2) to "Gion" bus stop
Mibudera Temple 壬生寺	Feb 2 13:00 Yamabushi Monks and children 's procession 14:00 O-gomagi, Fire ritual 17:00-20:00 Mibu Kyogen, comic play Feb 3 17:00-20:00 Mibu Kyogen, comic play * Food and fun stalls line in the temple (9:00-20:00)	City bus #26 (Bus Stop D3) to "Mibudera-michi" bus stop
Kitano Tenmangu Shrine 北野天満宮	Feb 3 13:00 Kyogen(comic play), Maiko Dance and Bean throwing	City Bus #50 (Bus Stop B2) to "Kitano Tenmangu-mae" bus stop
Heian Jingu Shrine 平安神宮	Feb 3 12:00 Kyogen (comic play) 14:00 Dainano-gi, Old Style Demon Ceremony 15:00 Bean throwing 15:30 Gomagi, Fire burning ritual	City Bus #5 (Bus Stop A1) to "OkazakiKoen/Bijutsukan/Heianjingu-mae" bus stop
Rozanji Temple 廬山寺	Feb 3 15:00 Oni Odori (demon dance) 16:00 Bean throwing 17:00 Fire burning ritual	City Bus #205, 4 or 17 (Bus Stop A2) to "Furitsu Idai Byoin-mae" bus stop
Kamigano Shrine 上賀茂神社	Feb 3 11:00-14:00 Fire burning ritual 13:00 and 14:00 Bean throwing 9:00-15:00 Setsubun Handicraft Market in the shrine	City Bus #9 (Bus Stop B1) to "Kamigamomisonobashi" bus stop
Shimogano Shrine 下鴨神社	Feb 3 11:00 Fire burning ritual 12:00 Tsuina-yumi Shinji (Japanese Archery ceremony) 13:00 Bean throwing	City Bus #4 or 205 (Bus Stop A2) to "Shimogamo Jinja-mae" bus stop
Fujinomori Shrine 藤森神社	Feb 3 18:00 Taiko(Japanese drums) and Gagaku (Court dance) 20:00 Demon Dance and Bean throwing	JR Nara line to "Fujinomori" Sta.
Matsunoo Taisha Shrine 松尾大社	Feb 3 10:00 Iwami Kagura (sacred Japanese dance and music) 13:30 Ceremony 14:00 Bean throwing	City Bus #28 (Bus Stop C6) to "Matsuotaisha-mae" bus stop

There are more Setsubun events celebrated at the other temples and shrines, such as Senbon Shakado Temple, Shogoin Temple, Go-o Shrine, Shiramine Shrine, Fushimi Inari Shrine etc.

*Information is subject to change without notice.