Qingming Festival

A celebration of spring, it falls on the first day of the fifth solar term (also called Qingming) of the traditional Chinese lunisolar calendar.

Chinese families visit the tombs of their ancestors to clean the gravesites and make ritual offerings to their ancestors.

Religious symbols of ritual purity, such as pomegranate and willow branches, are popular at this time.

Some people wear willow twigs on their heads
on Qingming or stick willow branches on
their homes.

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Another popular thing to do is to fly kites in the shapes of animals or characters from folk tales or Chinese opera.