# The Buzz

Keeping you up to date with our weekly news bulletin

Earls Colne PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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**25TH NOVEMBER 2023**

## THIS WEEK WE HAVE……!

## Visited Hollytrees Museum!

Year 1 pupils had an amazing day visiting the Hollytrees Museum in Colchester this week!

The children were all very excited to be going on a trip for the first time and going on a double decker bus was definitely a highlight!

We learnt all about rich and poor people in Victorian times and in particular the Round family who once lived in Hollytrees. We got to dress up as servants and some of us were even lucky to dress up as Mr and Mrs Round.

We looked at different rooms from the dolls house and compared them to our homes now.
We played with old and new toys and talked about the similarities and differences. In the afternoon we made a cup and ball game and explored the toy museum.

It was a fantastic trip and the children were a credit to ECPS. Thank you to all our parent helpers, without you we wouldn't be able to provide these wonderful experiences!

### 3PR Weekly Totaliser Champions!

This week's winners are **5E** Class!

| Key dates – 2023-24 | |
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| **December 2023** | |
| **5th & 6th** | 'Prickly Hay KS1 Nativity' - 1:45pm |
| **7th** | Reception Nativity – 2pm |
| **11th** | Rock Steady Concert – 9:30am |
| **14th** | Santa's Grotto & Crafts – St. Andrews, 4 - 6:30pm |
| **19th** | EY & KS1 Carol Concert 9am<br>KS2 10:15am<br>(Both at St Andrews Church) |
| **20th** | Christmas lunch<br>Last day of Term! |
| **January 2024** | |
| **4th** | First day of Term! |

## CHILDREN IN NEED 2023

A massive well done and thank you to all who raised money for Children in Need this year with our Bearpee challenge! So far we have raised a fantastic **£1739**! An incredible achievement by everyone. The ParentPay collection portal will be open, for those who are yet to pay in their sponsorship money, until Friday 1st December

### Attendance champions

Congratulations to **Zebras class** whose attendance were all a fantastic **98%** for this week!

### Well done for working so hard!

**Molly Jackson –** Fantastic maths learning. Molly's written work is so well presented too!

**Olly Buckland –** Olly has had such an amazing start in Y5 and this week produced some exceptional work where his presentation blew me away. We are really proud of you Olly – keep working hard!

**Purdi Williamson –** For amazing written work. Purdi works very hard and gives a challenge her all! Well done Purdi – such great progress.

**Hunter Martin –** For blowing my socks off with is incredible reading! I loved listening to you read Hunter!

Inspiring all children to create and achieve

## PARKING!

This is a plea to all those who have to drive pupils to and from school! Please could we ask that you be more considerate to both residents and pedestrians when parking. Too often we are being told that the road is becoming dangerous to cross or that families walking with buggies are having to walk in the road due to inconsiderate/ poor parking.

We set up the 3PR initiative in conjunction with areas within the village where parking is free and available both morning and afternoon. This project is to encourage more pupils to walk to school, where possible, and also to try and help alleviate the issue of bad parking along the roads near to school.

Attached to this newsletter is a reminder of where the local parking areas are within the village and ask that you use these whenever possible. Remember - walking to school can earn your child a token which goes towards their class weekly total!

## SCOOTERS AND PLAY EQUIPMENT REMINDER

Please ensure scooters and/ or bikes are walked onto and through the school grounds and the wooden play equipment is not used at drop off and pick up times. There have been too many children whizzing around the playground, causing accidents or falling from the wooden equipment when unsupervised. We have in the past had an incident where an adult sustained a broken foot from being run over from a child on a scooter in the playground! We would be grateful if parents could please ensure their children are with them at all times at drop off and pick up and are not doing/ playing where they should not be.

## FLU IMMUNISATIONS

If you missed the opportunity to sign your child up for a flu vaccination at school, catch up clinics will be available within the community in the coming weeks. If you contact the **School Age Immunisation Service** on **0300 790 0597**, they will be able to advise on the whereabouts of any future clinics or alternatively you can contact you GP surgery who may still be offering vaccination appointments.

## NATIVITY TICKETS

A last call for anyone who is yet to book their tickets for the forthcoming KS1 nativity performances. All bookings can made via School Cloud and will be available until Friday 1st December.
All tickets for the Reception nativity have now been allocated, with no spare tickets available.

All tickets will be sent home with pupils on Monday 4th December. Please may we remind you that younger siblings/ babies **are not** permitted to join the audience for any of the performances.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2024

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 6 November 2023**, for parents of children to apply for a reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024.

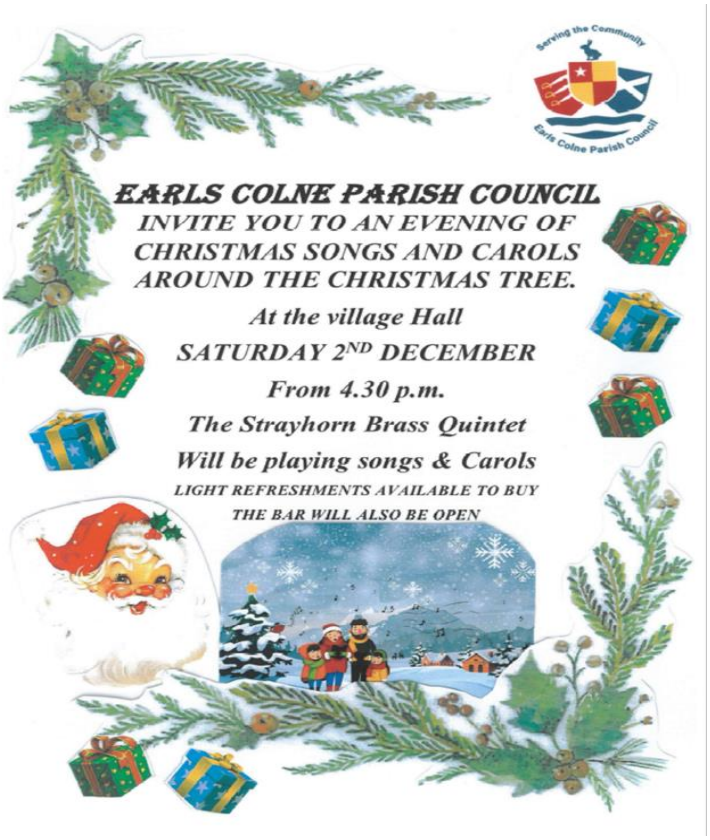
The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2024**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. with 99% of parents in Essex applying online last year!

All of the application information is available on the above, mentioned website, where you can also find a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2024-25 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories which contains details of all school admission policies.

## WEATHER WATCH

As mentioned last week, the weather is expected to take a much colder turn from this weekend onwards. Please make sure pupils are sent to school in warm, suitable school wear – including a warm coat. PE kit should include long track bottoms and long sleeves as lessons will still take place outside. Vests and/ or t-shirts can be worn under school uniform if needed.



# Agents of CHANGE

We have had another full week of seeing what our Agents of Change have been getting up to and how they have been making a difference.

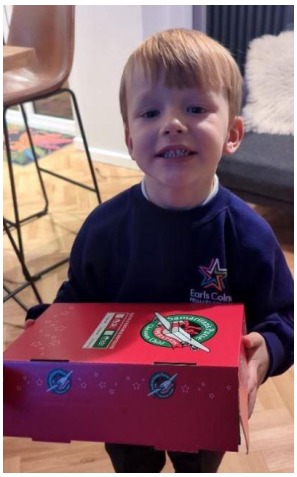
A lot of our agents have been helping out around the house recently- in their homes or with their relatives. Even better, they are all doing it with a smile on their faces!

They don't need to do anything massive to gain their stamp for 'Work together'- it could be something as simple as emptying the compost bin!
We have some really good 'upcycling' going on with Agents trying to reduce the amount of waste produced.

Have you ever been Geocaching?

It's a mixture between going on a walk and taking part in a treasure hunt. A few of our Agents have just started to this and you can find out more about it on their website https://www.geocaching.com/play and best of all you can do it for free!
Thank you to all the families who have paid in their sponsorship

money for the Bearpee challenge! We have currently received an amazing £1739! You have until Friday 1st December to pay it in.



Finally, well done to one of our youngest Agents who has chosen to take part in this year's Shoebox Appeal and will be helping people who aren't as lucky as us enjoy Christmas.

# Hello, I'm 3PR

## Help improve parking around Earls Colne Primary School & Nursery

**The school, pupils and 3PR are trying to reduce the amount of traffic and congestion that often builds up around the school during busy drop off and pick up times. In addition, vehicles parked with wheels up on the pavement can create an obstruction and present a challenge for pedestrians, including children and buggies, trying to get past.**

Park Lane on which the main entrance of the school is situated is a narrow residential road, with limited visibility, on which congestion can build rapidly. Where possible it is always best to avoid coming to school by vehicle however, If you do have to park in the area, please do not use Park Lane. Please also avoid parking over driveways, and on bends. Ensure you keep off the school keep clear restrictions and park with 'Care, Consideration & Caution'.

The school and its pupils feel that something needs to be done, so they are asking for the full support of parents and carers to help improve the situation.

3PR has created a parking map, that shows the areas where we, the pupils at Earls Colne Primary School & Nursery would like to highlight the areas of concern.

Also shown on the map is the 3PR zone created outside the school. Any pupil who walks, scoots or cycles into the zone, will receive a 3PR token to be put in their class token box. The class with the most tokens at the end of the term will receive a 3PR class winners trophy and also points to spend on rewards from the school.

3PR has also created maps of the various Park and Stride locations for you to utilise as an alternative to parking on the Highway Network outside the school. You will receive these separately.

## Remember the 3 parking rules or 3PR's

### 1 Care

- Be careful where you park
- Don't cause an obstruction
- Use a car park if available

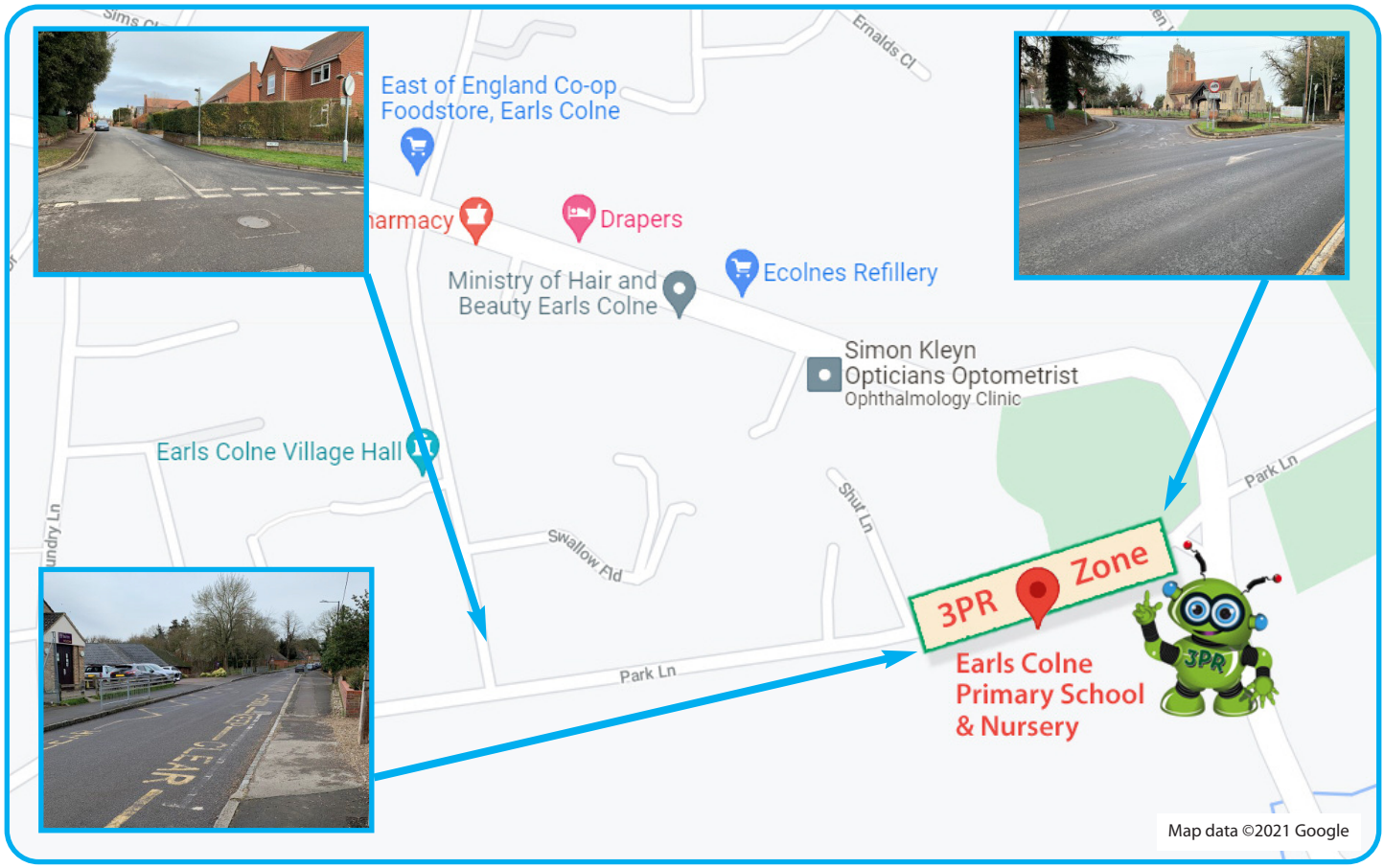
### 2 Consideration

- Respect the school's parking policy
- Always consider the neighbours
- Don't block driveways
- Be polite and courteous
- If possible, walk or cycle instead

### 3 Caution

- Look out for other children, not just your own
- Always observe the speed limits
- Stay off the pavement

# Below are some images of scenarios 3PR would like to highlight as areas to avoid




## We would also like to ask you not to:

**Double Park**

**Park on a Bend or Corner**

**Park over Driveways**

**Park on the Pavement**

## School Keep Clear Marking (Zig Zags)

**Please do not stop or park on them during the hours stated (8:00-9:30 and 2:30-4:00), the restrictions are there to ensure the area is vehicle free and safe for pedestrians entering and exiting school.**

3PR and the School Parking Initiative aims to encourage parents and carers, with encouragement from their children, to reconsider how and where they park; *a few small changes in parking habits will make all the difference.*

***Remember! Always use the 3 parking rules ('care, consideration and caution') when parking.***

**www.schoolparking.org.uk**

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# Park and Stride scheme at Earls Colne Primary School and Nursery

We are pleased to share with you 4 Park and Stride locations available as an alternative to parking on the highway. These Locations have agreed for parents/carers to use spaces in their Car Parks when dropping off and/or picking your children up from school.

**1. Earls Colne Village Hall Car Park**

**2. Riverside Spice Car Park**

**3. CO-OP Queens Road Car Park**

**4. Earls Colne Recreation Club Car Park**

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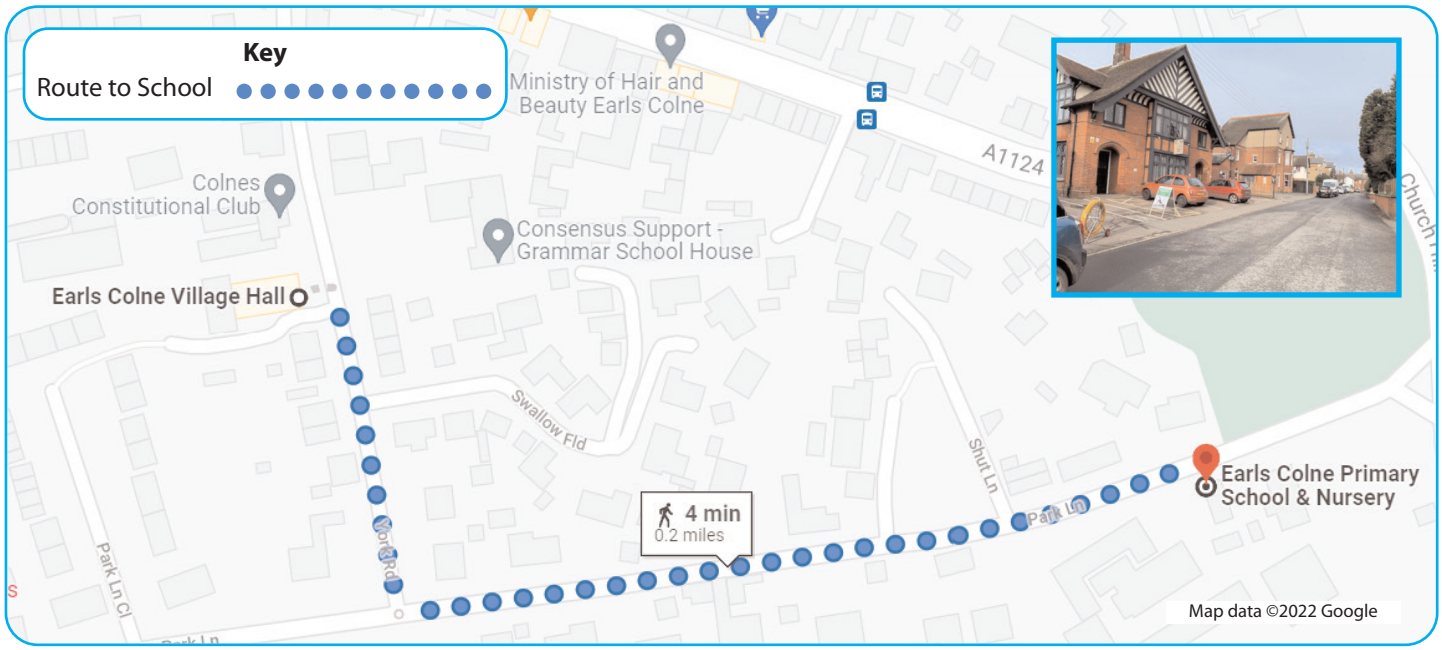
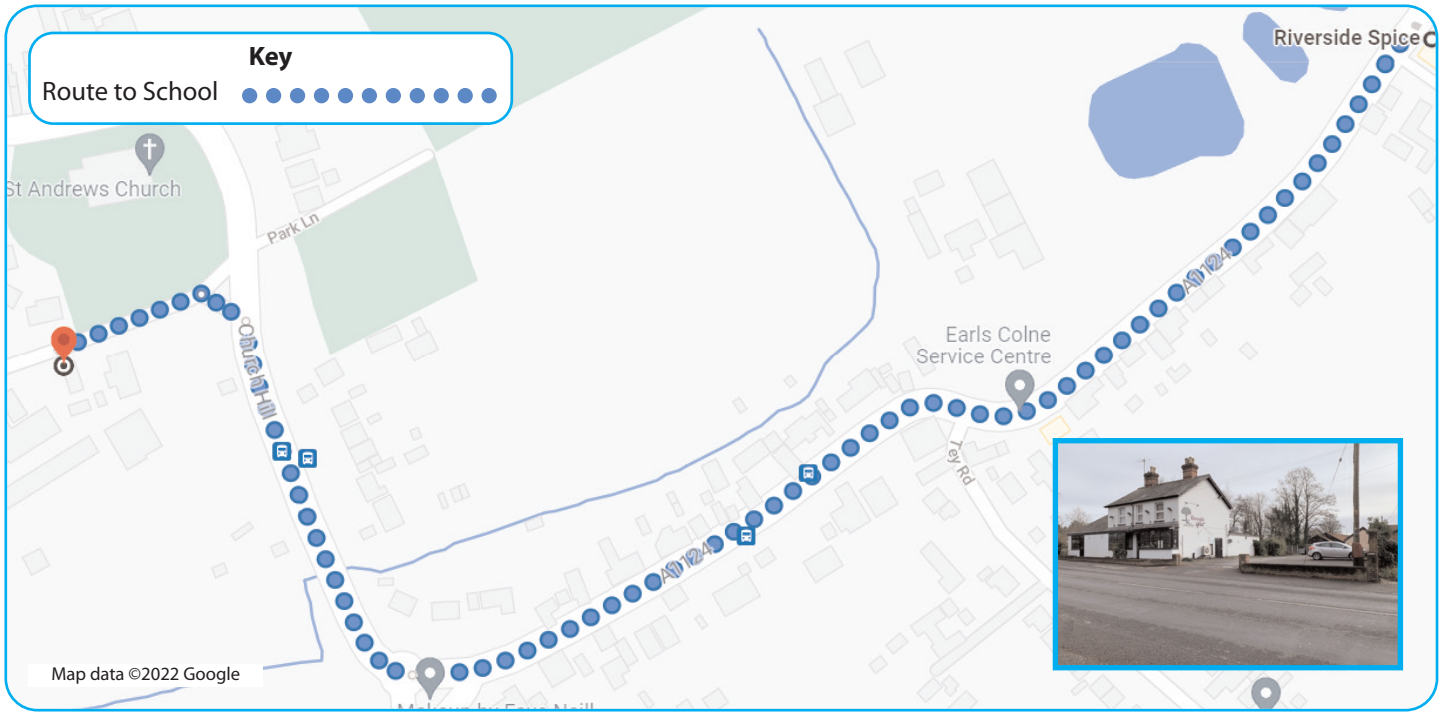



## 2. Riverside Spice Car Park



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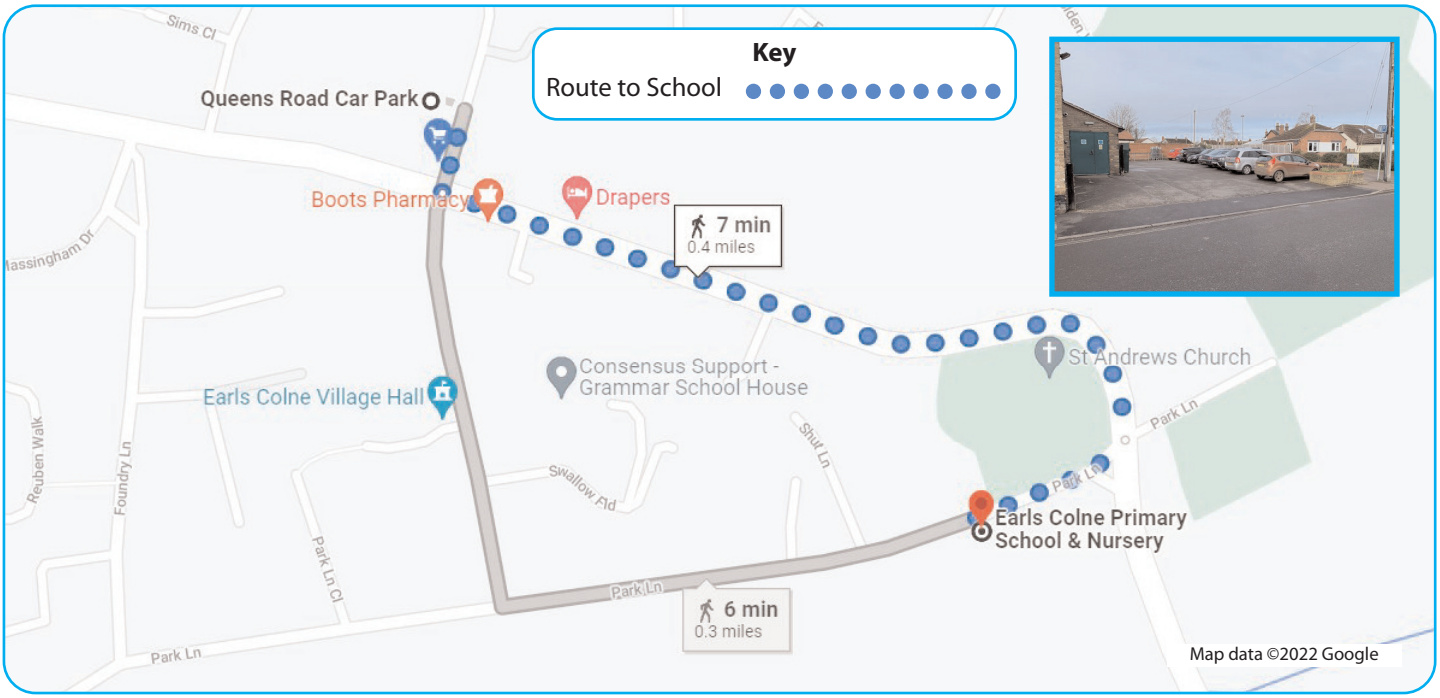
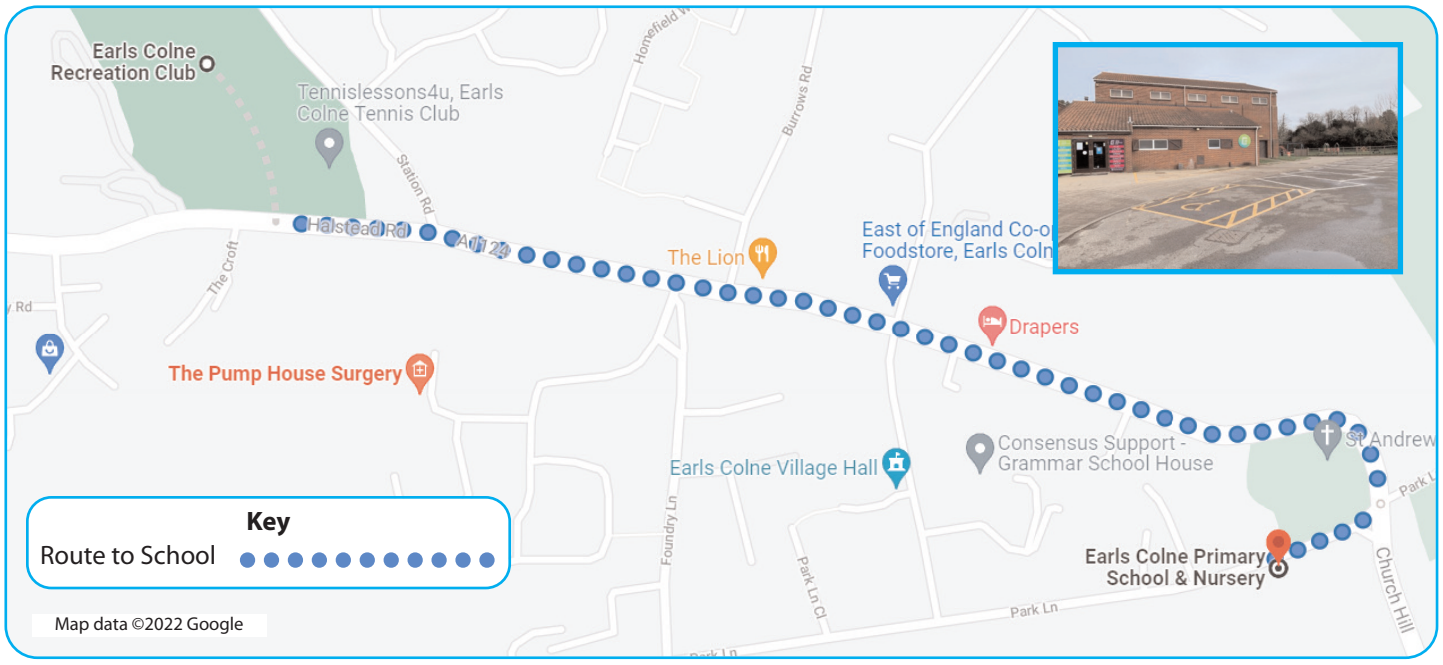
## 3. Co-op Car Park Queens Road






## 4. Earls Colne Recreation Club Car Park






**Where can you park?**

People participating in Park and Stride are permitted to park their vehicles in the marked bays in the car park.

**How to park?**

The owners of the Car Parks have kindly agreed to facilitate the Park and Stride scheme and we therefore ask that you please park responsibly

***Remember! Always use the 3 parking rules ('care, caution and consideration') when parking.***

**www.schoolparking.org.uk**

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