



# North Cerney Primary Academy



Global Neighbours, developed by Christian Aid in partnership with the Church of England, encourages primary schools to help children understand the world beyond their immediate surroundings and to recognise the importance of unity and justice. The framework invites pupils to explore global issues with curiosity and compassion, and to see how their actions—however small—can contribute to positive change.

At North Cerney Primary Academy and Bibury Primary School, this approach sits naturally within our ethos. We want our pupils to grow up with a strong sense of responsibility for one another and for the wider world. Through discussions, projects and whole-school initiatives, children learn to think critically about inequality, to reflect on the Christian call to challenge injustice, and to consider how they can respond with kindness and courage.

We started our Global Neighbours journey in 2022 and we completed our Bronze Award in 2024. A key part of continued our journey last year was developing a partnership with a school in the Maldives. This connection opened up rich conversations about the environment and the shared challenges we face, even when our communities look very different. Pupils explored how climate change affects island nations—particularly rising sea levels—and compared this with the environmental issues we experience here in the UK. The children were struck by how closely linked our futures are and how global problems require understanding and cooperation across borders.

Through this work, pupils at both schools are discovering that they have a voice that matters. They are learning that thoughtful choices, informed perspectives, and compassionate action can help shape a fairer and more sustainable world for everyone.

