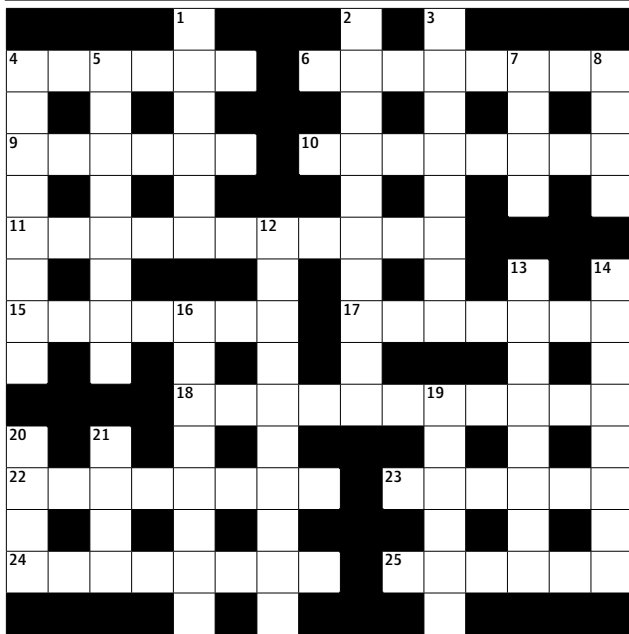


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,157 set by Pasquale

## Across

- 4** Game to get you knocked about on leg joint (6)  
**6** Bully to behave at home when curbed by partner (8)  
**9** Religious symbol policy mostly followed by school (6)  
**10** Lock up an alien, offering means of communication (8)  
**11** Commercial establishment below that has drug put into coffee (11)  
**15** There's something disappointing about a dry haircut (4-3)  
**17** Favoured no longer, performance that's crude (7)  
**18,22** One rare child playing with rag doll, which may lead to big scientific discovery (5,6,8)  
**23** Way to get occupational therapy's address (4,2)  
**24** Salad and cheese, half portion, girl's tucked into (8)  
**25** Location of famous saint's bones (6)

## Down

- 1** See 7  
**2** Come out with foolish people and cycle (2,2,6)  
**3** Diocese in predicament about right psalm for Ash Wednesday (8)

- 4** Property of some unstable materials, possibly lithium or iron (4-4)  
**5** Tubes unclean, ale initially disgusting! (8)  
**7,1** Poet given old coins, money prize not the highest (4,6)  
**8** Food place at table? The first shall be last (4)  
**12** Agent led Tory astray, from what we hear (10)  
**13** US state with mountains allows people who wander about (8)  
**14** Fellow with intellect can describe chemical compound (8)  
**16** Recorders? Composer may admit hesitation (8)  
**19** Where in France an old man's penned sheep (6)  
**20** Spots a thing in the road – circular thing to be avoided (4)  
**21** Several parties offering endless jam (4)

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