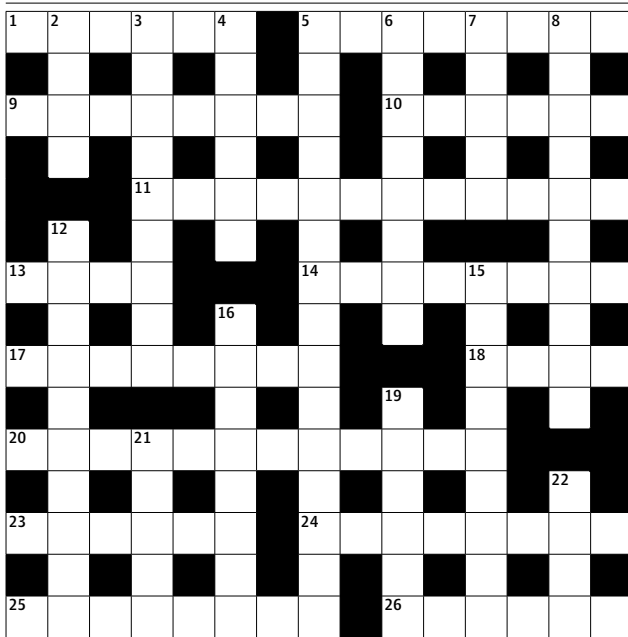


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 1 Last queen but one between posts (6)
- 5 Fancy notepaper, nonetheless, for arrested juvenile (5,3)
- 9 Run down heartless brute with mini (8)
- 10 Abide by church given power in law (6)
- 11 Prepare to deal and get on with the game (12)
- 13 Come to party after funeral (4)
- 14 One from Yokohama being paid in yen (8)
- 17 Swede, for example, with metal one can cut (8)
- 18 Serpentine swimmers with Marylebone's last golfer (4)
- 20 Folded plastic sheet is to be the deciding factor (3,3,6)
- 23 Those answering to M answer to men (6)
- 24 Geordie area's taken back, so Labour leader waxed lyrical (8)
- 25 Any number taken in by footballer's contemptuous expression (8)
- 26 Authentic egg sandwiches are tempting (6)

## Down

- 2 Sound fish looked at with interest (4)
- 3 Is nosy girl one to make sacrifices? (9)
- 4 Decisive defeat with terrorist group at first in poor spirits (6)
- 5 Creepy fat child's dicky birds (4,11)
- 6 Deficit? Artist not quite down in the mouth (5,3)
- 7 Erotic pose one ignored on page three, say (5)
- 8 It seems to be put on without a tear (10)
- 12 Unending hoo-ha (8,2)
- 15 Kelly's drinking English grape juice – there is no alternative (5,4)
- 16 One sees many pictures of Caine and ET's cast (8)
- 19 Dress for Dumbo? What's up? (6)
- 21 Invigorating chapter written by Morrison (5)
- 22 Car dealers ignoring southern county (4)

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