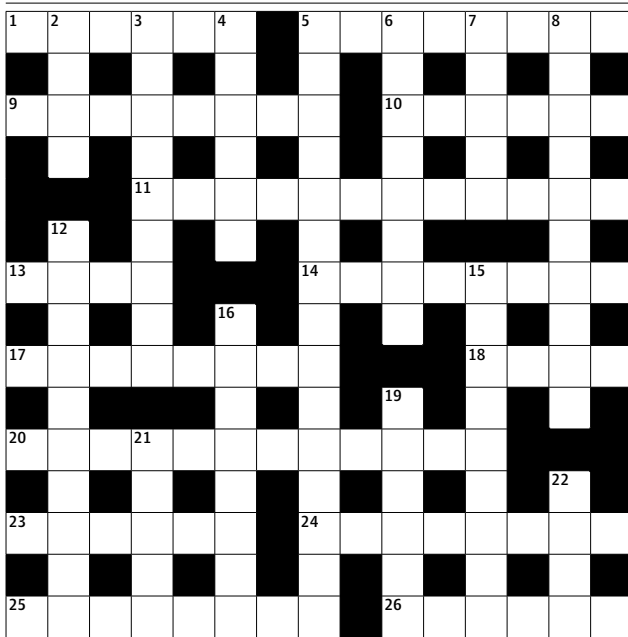


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,055 set by Puck

## Across

- 1 Shifts exam into secondary school, initially (6)
- 5 Doctor does feel it's suicide (4,2,2)
- 9 Young family member's eaten the whole salad plant (8)
- 10 Production of a crowd scene in the 17 18 (6)
- 11 Largely insouciant band leader causing scene in the 17 18 (7,5)
- 13 Starts to complain of mild alcoholic stupor (4)
- 14 What the larger person has done wrong? (8)
- 17,18 A 26 almost lost it badly, having said 2 22 (8,4)
- 20 Blooming daft dog starts postman barking an order in the 17 18 (3,5,4)
- 23 Flies plane carrying large number to base camps, ultimately (6)
- 24 Ignored the "Micawber principle", so failed as an artist? (8)
- 25 Coming out of 13, 22 makes a big sacrifice (8)
- 26 Film Greek character – former Olympic runner, we hear (6)

## Down

- 2 Item worn in shower by son of king? (4)
- 3 Well-known person managed time to see vicar at wedding? (9)
- 4 Line under Paris going round winding curve (6)

- 5 Bodice theft? Moon may provide aid in search (4-7,4)
- 6 Transparency showing girl embrace unloved ass (8)
- 7 Divine duo two-step regularly (5)
- 8 Seconds left to use four-letter word for polo shirts? (10)
- 12 From text I see you solve last of down clues to begin with – oddly decisive! (10)
- 15 By all accounts, theatre's given us the odd topless 18 periodically (9)
- 16 Setter has opossum running round more quickly (3,5)
- 19 Cost of maintaining prince in posh part of castle (6)
- 21 Indian hemp knife seen in the 17 18, reportedly (5)
- 22 Female rook's deserted sleeping place (4)

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