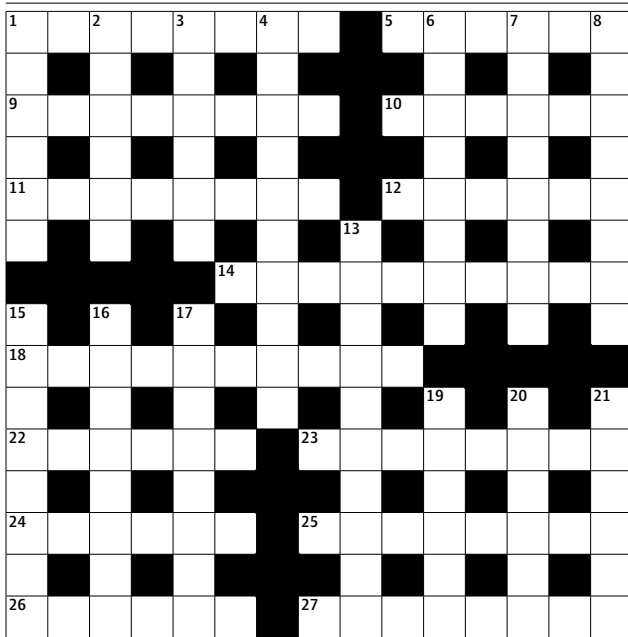


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,229 set by Logodaedalus

## Across

- 1 Careless chums must turn to run (8)
- 5 Cut nearly half a chop to char (6)
- 9 Wit requires trick to take in reporters (8)
- 10 Protester topped bowman (6)
- 11 Fake sterling for this style of hair? (8)
- 12 Young lady with a large prayer book (6)
- 14 Find the French among mixed bathers, gasping (10)
- 18 Visited, if Quentin drops in, having got released to go outside (10)
- 22 Naughty boy absorbs part of the Bible (6)
- 23 Misery does not start when you get the sack (8)
- 24 Loving scoundrel hiding money (6)
- 25 Perception is sure to break up a rowing team (8)
- 26 Looking more embarrassed, when going to and fro (6)
- 27 Saved vehicle left outside (8)

## Down

- 1 Safe after a botched rescue (6)
- 2 Most of this nut is needed by a large fish (6)
- 3 Benefit keeps two small daughters in a piece of cake (6)
- 4 Just a little stuff to make music about (10)
- 6 Coastal road spreads light on a broken chin, breaking one's heart (8)
- 7 See her turning up, since he would like warmed-up food (8)
- 8 Injure without being gentle (8)
- 13 Jesse, the robber, and William, the traitor, who wrote Ulysses (5,5)
- 15 Wrongdoer to propose concealing denouement (8)
- 16 Animal about to trot when climbing found an answer (8)
- 17 Just the house for a formal interview (8)
- 19 Playwright has agreement with a company that's turned around (6)
- 20 Poet was right to interrupt a wake (6)
- 21 Agreed to be seen in a football team from Manchester (6)

Solution No. 26,228

S	T	P	W	D	R	G	P
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