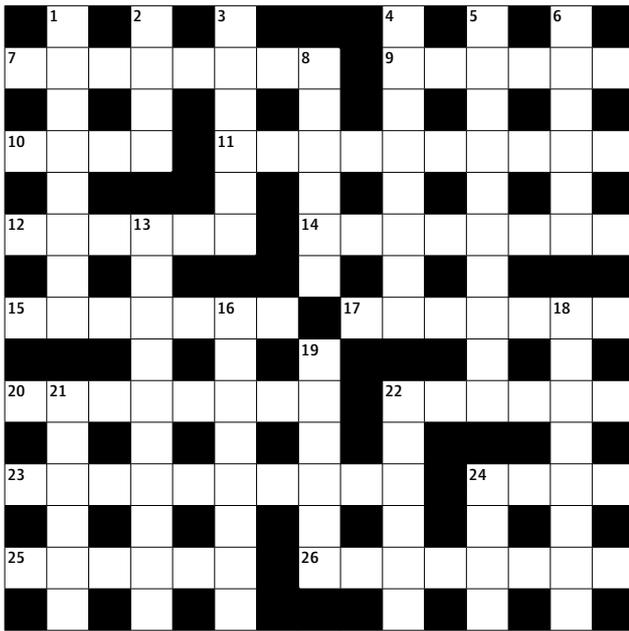


## Guardian cryptic crossword



No 27,232 set by Picaroon

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### Across

- 7 Criminal must lie, covering up a sham (8)  
9 Broadcast Mass in French for people in service (6)  
10 Axes keep paint evenly off the wall (4)  
11 Look after water supply in Scottish club (10)  
12 Orca about 45 inches back in the drink (6)  
14 Way to march forwards on pitch, then sulk on the way back (8)  
15 Not in wrong camp (7)  
17 Criticise lightweight's characterful text (7)  
20 Literary captain stores record and French letters (8)  
22 Edging in front of brown Fiat (6)  
23 Disobeying one far-right group going around (10)  
24 Herb said to make basis for sauce (4)  
25 Nice one! Pro on lake is to remove bindings (6)  
26 Artist very cutting in short farce (8)

### Down

- 1 Sweet farm animal I dressed in fancy suit (8)  
2 Platform by the sea's as rickety in the end (4)  
3 Jack's replaced head of tool: it blocks signals (6)  
4 Knight, south of sunken area, spies Spanish city (8)  
5 Brother returning sauce bottles has sweetener (5,5)  
6 Vigour of compilers primarily liking deception (6)  
8 Praises sex changes, receiving flipping good deal (6)  
13 Ultra harsh, after trashing final performance (4,6)  
16 Drivel in legal document is shown to be wrong (8)  
18 Decent English queen caught in a tryst (8)  
19 Severe Conservative dismissed by press (6)  
21 Bit of muslin in glove? (6)  
22 Super computer's menu choice (3,3)  
24 Run and charge around in rocky area (4)

Solution No. 27,231

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