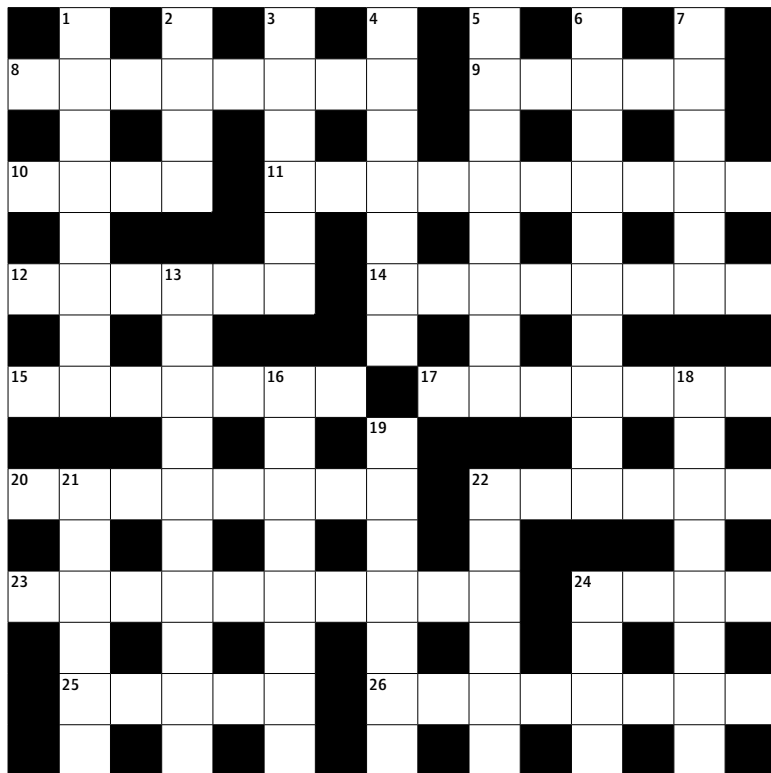


Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,499 set by Paul



Across

- 8** File case of overemotional guff (8)
- 9** Pigment good in water (5)
- 10** See 24
- 11** New variation, including a hundred old pieces (10)
- 12** Fat queen in store ... (6)
- 14** ... very different partner in philosophy? (8)
- 15** Metal once found in bottom of fruit? (7)
- 17** See 25
- 20** Laxative one girl fed to another (8)
- 22,3** One banked on needing loco – did one? (6,6)
- 23** Serving as correction, speed of light accelerating (10)
- 24,10** Kick people out, event usually for children (4,4)
- 25,17** Conclusion can't be reached – sigh! (2,3,2,5)
- 26** Piano piece, both grand and upright, thrashed out (3,5)

Down

- 1** Only items of quality, every one for my pleasure (3,2,3)
- 2** Covered by maid, ledge gathering dust (4)
- 3** See 22 across
- 4** Humour, vacuous amusement in setting (7)
- 5** Baltic Sea? No, it turns north (8)

- 6** A little sign left in vault (10)
- 7** Preacher's ecclesiastic weapon (6)
- 13** Finished nursing little girl, cut (10)
- 16** Dizzy playing tunes on jazzy day (8)
- 18** Running water options on craft, type of carrier (8)
- 19** Teacher in a flap upended coffee-maker (7)
- 21** How formula for poison is written in capital city (6)
- 22** Little predatory bird, swallow biting leg off (6)
- 24** Reportedly plant weed somewhere in London (4)

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