

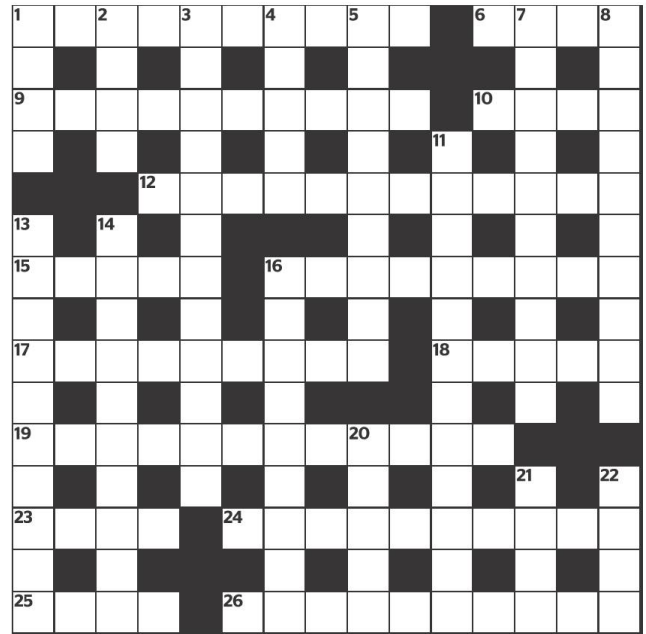
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**ACROSS**

- 1 He delivers most mince in skillet, plus a little butter (7,3)
- 6 Frightened about falling off heap (4)
- 9 Give fleece to kid during lesson (10)
- 10 Blow your top picture (4)
- 12 Buffet's appeal to friend in staff area, filling out (3,3,3,3)
- 15 A fare Xeroxed in abundance? (1,4)
- 16 A prime theory involving tin (6-3)
- 17 Start wedding party when trendy takes rare vacation (9)
- 18 Virtual piracy ruined Italian resort (5)
- 19 Gentleman switched off, getting into 'happening' British novelist (5,7)
- 23 Norse supremo decoding sequence (4)
- 24 Talk about short, milky hanger-on? (10)
- 25 School hurdle starting to mount after cutback (4)
- 26 Roughly interlaced ID document (10)

**DOWN**

- 1 Lovingly contact old actor (4)
- 2 AFL squad's western shed missing (4)
- 3 Does it point to SIN IN ESSENCE? (5,7)
- 4 Flipping good for French lady to escape notice with dignity (5)
- 5 Quaintly majestic Earth Hour media began sacrificing more and more, initially (9)
- 7 Fruit cup's lid essentially stuck in Range Rover? (10)
- 8 Infection ruining the hair after swim (10)
- 11 Truck squashed innocent chap (12)
- 13 Kook or boob - an idle colleague - accrues last of secured capital? (10)
- 14 Current leader riding sure thing in a collapse (10)
- 16 Three months to adjust perfume ingredient (9)
- 20 3-D sound (5)
- 21 Most cafes offer this short mate one (4)
- 22 Meat of spring the Brit ships out? (4)



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