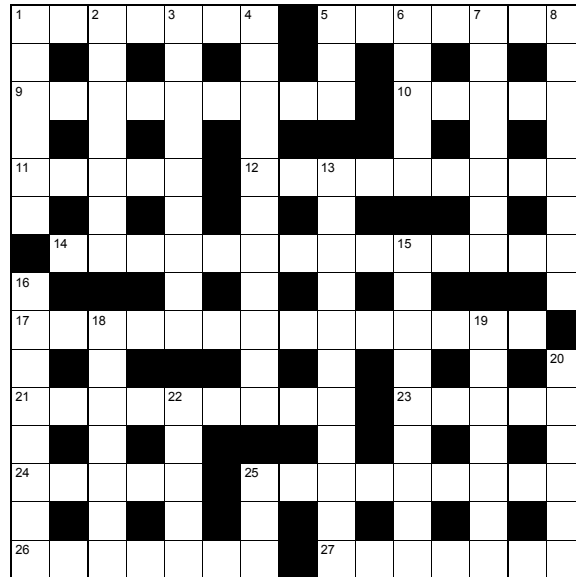


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ACROSS

- 1 Nag eats so be possibly offering this? (7)
- 5 Russian ambassador carries round heroic novel (7)
- 9 First of all Oliver unpacked unusual item from the bakery (5,4)
- 10 Ancient priest executed outside Rugby (5)
- 11 Oriental lime mixed to make resin (5)
- 12 Go away when appraised badly (9)
- 14 Silly toddler who ate mud finally is sound asleep (4,2,3,5)
- 17 Fan mail incites trouble for newspaper (9,5)
- 21 Wrecker of battleship (9)
- 23 Letter's read aloud by flirt (5)
- 24 Snooker shot popular with old fellows (2-3)
- 25 Uncharacteristically choosing to accept student for tuition (9)
- 26 Most simple – Spain takes a nap in the afternoon mostly (7)
- 27 Invalid is prepared to wait without fuss (7)

DOWN

- 1 Young boy who's likely to pinch things? (6)
- 2 Forty winks or just one? (4-3)
- 3 English doctor gets asked around when unable to get up (9)
- 4 So dignitary blasted pretentiousness (11)
- 5 Fish is iridescent to some extent (3)
- 6 Total initially awarded dismayed defendant in court (3,2)
- 7 Nice arrogance! (7)
- 8 Lad rode off to old place of easy wealth (8)
- 13 Award for erudition (11)
- 15 Hang around outside Ascot perhaps wearing this? (9)
- 16 Shot by one who's on strike (3,5)
- 18 Performances cancelled, so people not attending (2-5)
- 19 Devious First Lady keeps travel permit back (7)
- 20 Importance of delay, we hear (6)
- 22 Search for weapon (5)
- 25 Modelled for a day (3)

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SOLUTION

1	N	O	S	E	B	A	G		5	I	V	A	N	H	O	8	E
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ACROSS

1 nosebag. 5 Ivanhoe. 9 pound cake. 10 Druid. 11 elemi. 12 disappear. 14 dead to the world. 17 Financial Times. 21 destroyer. 23 tease. 24 in-off. 25 schooling. 26 easiest. 27 patient.

DOWN

1 nipper. 2 shut-eye. 3 bedridden. 4 grandiosity. 5 ide. 6 add up. 7 hauteur. 8 Eldorado. 13 scholarship. 15 waistcoat. 16 off-drive. 18 no-shows. 19 evasive. 20 weight. 22 rifle. 25 sat.