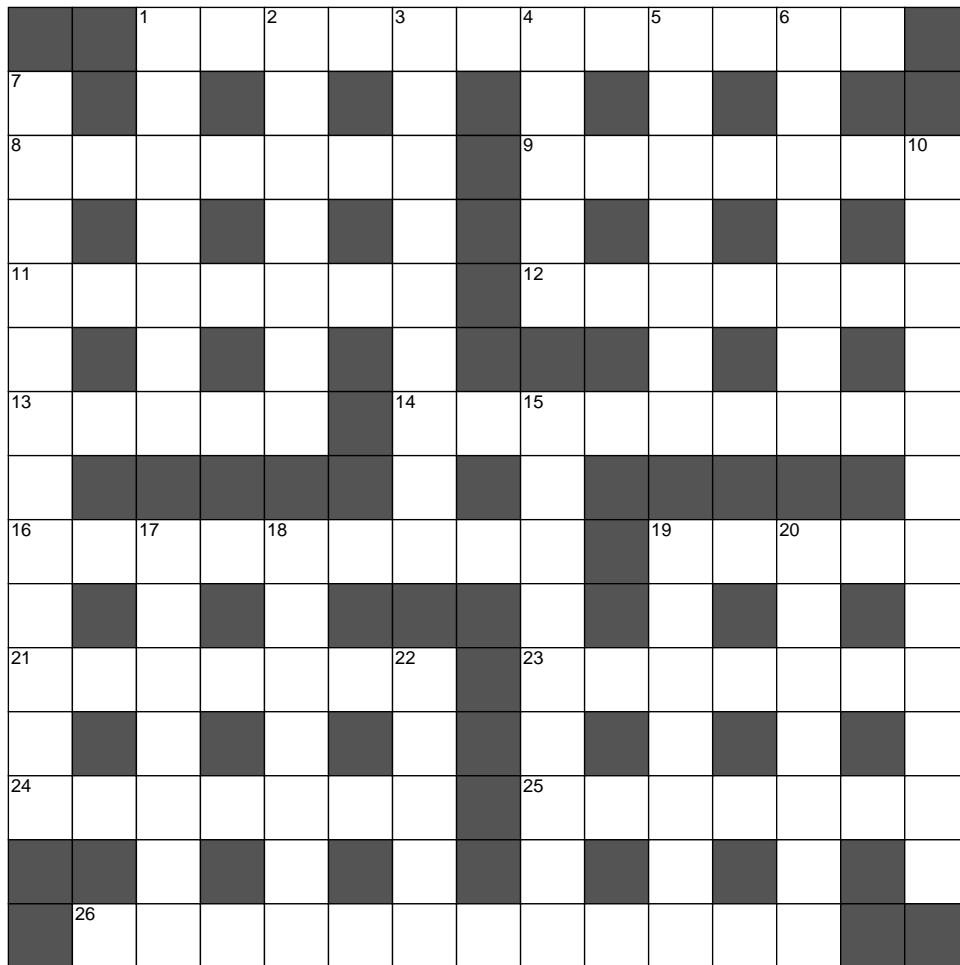


# Cryptic CASTword Winter 2025

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## ACROSS

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| <p>1 Give to children for Santa to stuff (4,2,2,4)</p> <p>8 Elon Musk (at time of press) (7)</p> <p>9 Father enlightens (3,4)</p> <p>11 A letter in the Bible (7)</p> <p>12 Castle keep (7)</p> <p>13 Get chef down to a t (5)</p> <p>14 Beyond the open river water (9)</p> <p>16 Broadsheet or redtop (9)</p> <p>19 Baffling prose reset (5)</p> <p>21 Three pin baffle (7)</p> <p>23 They're not all mad from Luton (7)</p> <p>24 Teaspoon (7)</p> <p>25 Before rainbow (4,3)</p> <p>26 WC for Handel (7,5)</p> | <p>2 Tree fellow's evolutionary mate in the movies (7)</p> <p>3 Found out by a cannibal! (2,3,4)</p> <p>4 "A hazelnut in every bite!" (5)</p> <p>5 Equine 'expert' (7)</p> <p>6 Chide an - Antipodean spiny anteater (7)</p> <p>7 Zach Polanski's Churchillian salute! (5,7)</p> <p>10 Di's wardrobe (5,7)</p> <p>15 Would thermowar mutate this wriggly creature? (9)</p> <p>17 Not hot or cold ((7)</p> <p>18 Bunyan's progressor (7)</p> |
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## DOWN

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| <p>1 Officer with the care of the content of a church (7)</p> | <p>19 Snooker and pool players (7)</p> <p>20 Philosophy of Pyrrho (7)</p> <p>22 Stuff the Grand Canyon (5)</p> |
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