

The definition of seven clues is indicated by an associated name: the wordplay of these clues leads to the solution to be entered.

February 2026 Slot 5 by The Mythtics

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Across

- 7** Recess welcomed by returning relieve class (6)
- 8** Most wretched habits, right at the beginning, start to torment (8)
- 10** Writer of ridicule posed with part of eye starting to turn (8)
- 11** A fallen angel, left out on honeysuckle (6)
- 12** Grey's hat is defaced (5)
- 13** Sent round headmaster for clock mechanism (9)
- 15** Cry of character from 9 for notice when tram is not stopping? (2,5)
- 17** One in Paris, having introductions to Notre Dame's ecclesiastical devotions, kept going! (7)
- 19** Anderson in conversation at back of boat (5,4)
- 20** Italian follows yellow and black circuit (5)
- 22** In the past, initially noone included clues lacking an angle (6)
- 23** Soldier to march back to protective walls (8)
- 25** Indication of failure to score after

unrestrained exercise of modern mores (4,4)

- 26** Award by king on king (6)

Down

- 1** Hide with eccentric German Fleming (5,3,6)
- 2,21** Top bride price affected after disregarding model Lindsey (,6,6)
- 3** Relationship in hospital facilities? Quite the reverse for mythical being (4)
- 4** Heath welcomes Oscar and Troy James (7)
- 5** Wells' squad surrounded by courage (9)
- 6** Spooner delves into Local Area Network author (8)
- 9** Clarke engineers nice, concise fit (7,7)
- 14** After removal of judge, scheming promoter takes on Telstra's lead minder (9)
- 16** Rover goes after street alien (8)
- 18** Turning faint, rescue group passes by (7)
- 21** See 2
- 24** Raw beginner contracted card sharp (4)